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NOTE BOOK

Meeting of Ministry and
Counsel of
Providence Monthly
Meeting.

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Providence	NEW ENGLAND YEARLY
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1-2-1949.

Henry C Foster is appointed
Chair of the Committee of
Ministry and Counsel for the
ensuing year.

Phillip Lifford and Robert
Burgess are appointed a Committee
to see after the welfare of
John Bonsey.

Anna Foster, Ruth White and Elizabeth
M. Chase are appointed as our rep-
resentatives to the Narragansett Turtle
Meeting to be held on 1-15-1949
at Providence R.I.

2-7-1949

Anna Foster reported that all the representatives to Narragansett Quaterly meeting attended to their appointments.

The Committee expected to see after the well fare of John Bonsey stated that they had investigated and that he is just well taken care of for the present. The committee is to continue to have him on mind.

The report of the spiritual condition of the Monthly Meeting which is due to our next Quaterly meetings was discussed. It was decided to have a special meeting to consider the subject at the home of Edward and Ruth White on First day after noon, 2-20-1949.

The concern of the seating, and the length of meeting of Worship and

and tardy settling of ^{the} meeting was to
be brought to the attention of the
monthly meeting and suggestion made
that the News Letter note the
concern.

Henry C. Foster, clerk.

2-20-1949.

Special meeting of the Committee on Ministry and Council. held at the home of Edward and Ruth White.

The application of Robert and Louise Coal for membership was received.

Robert Burgess and William Foster are appointed as a visiting Committee to visit them in behalf of the meeting and report at a future date.

A general and thorough discussion followed concerning the state of the meeting in regards to the admittance of new members.

The committee then considered the spiritual condition of the meeting. Notes were taken during the discussion and Sarah Gallagher is asked to construct a report for the next Committee meeting.

The concern of having inactive members on the membership list was expressed.

The sense of the meeting that a longer period of work was needed.

The committee decided to meet on 3-20-1949 and ask the Correspondant Helen Liffard and Treasurer Rudolph Metz to set in with us and help in the discussion.

3-6-1949

The Committee reported that was appointed to visit Robert and Lavinia Cool in regard to their application for membership. They stated that they had a very satisfactory time and felt that the meeting would be helped by their becoming members. The report is concurred with and the clerk is asked to carry that message to the Monthly Meeting. It was also suggested that the Coals be encouraged to write to their older church affiliations informing them of their action.

3 - 20 - 1949

Special meeting of the Committee of Ministry and Counsel. to discuss the membership lists of the Providence monthly meeting.

The Committee agreed to send a question sheet of vital statistics to all members to round out our records.

Emma Mac Clelland and Ruth White to compose the letter.

Decided to recommend to the Monthly meeting that Charles K Truett and Howard Dillingham be dropped from our membership lists.

A number of letters to be sent to several ^{non active} members asking their wish in regard to ^{their} ~~membership~~ and to state the Committee's views as regards to membership duties.

H-3-1949

Meeting of the Committee of Ministry
and Counsel to appoint representatives to
Margaret Luntz Meeting to be
held at Westbury R.I. on 4-16-1949.
Representatives are Anna Foster and
J. Randolph Metz.

To Rhode Island Luntz Meeting
to be held at Providence on 5-7-1949
are Elizabeth Monroe Emma Mc-
Clalland and Henry Foster.

Emma McClalland reported on her
visit with Chas. White to ^{talk} ~~have~~
with him for his recent ^{continued} ~~neglect~~ ^{absence} of
from local meetings duties. She reported a
satisfying occasion to her.

5-1-1949.

9 members present. Meeting of the Committee of Ministry and Council of Providence Monthly meeting. Representatives reported that all attended Narragansett Quarterly meeting but one.

Sarah Gallagher reported for the Committee on membership which was reported at our meeting on 3rd mo 20. Just a lot of work has been done but the letters to the absent members are not ~~yet~~ ready to send out. Report is satisfactory.

6-4-1949

5 members

present Sarah Lallgar reported further progress on letters sent to absent members.

Committee on the application of Joyce Mekeel for membership was reported on by Sarah Lallgar. The committee accepts the report of the committee and is to recommend the acceptance of Joyce Mekeel as a member of this meeting to the Monthly Meeting.

All of the representatives attended the Rhode Island Quarterly meeting but one.

7-3-1949

7 members present. Sarah Gallagher again reported that most all the letters to ~~absent~~ absent members are ready to send out.

Lousia White, Elizabeth Monroe and J. Russell Metz were appointed representatives to the Committee on Ministry and Council of the Narragansett ~~Church~~ Quarterly meeting.

Lousia White and J. R. Metz representatives to the Rhode Island Quarterly meeting to be held at Portsmouth R.I.

8-6-1949

5 members members reported that all present representatives attended the Narragansett County meeting and that J. R. Metz attended the R. I. County meeting.

It was suggested that all the names of persons to whom letters were sent be incorporated in these minutes.

They are as follows. Francis Bulling, Charles Farnwell Brown, Eleanor Butler Perry, Norman Taber, Charles and Lucie White, Raymond & Mildred Wood, Edmund Carlton Flogg, Suzanne Hutton, William "Hal" Wood Jr., Edith Lingsen, Sam Belkowitz, Ann Flogg and Ambrose & Hazel Meyers.

Discussed the pamphlet on the Duties of the members of the

meeting and Council. Decided
that the Committee obtain 4
copies of the pamphlet.

name of others to whom letters were sent.

Timothy Buffum, Thomas Tifford, Betty Wood
Thomas & Maud Buffum, B. Earl Clarke,
Robert Clarke, Felice Le Buda, David R
Smith, Cynthia White Cargill, Eleanor
Wood Haines, Phyllis Simpson Stiers, Mary
white Simpson, Elsie, Richard, Marjane
Stephanie Butley, Russell white
Kenneth white, Samuel Mott, Mildred
Mott Rountree Harold P. Matzen
Harvard Dillingham, Howard A
Tabor.

9-5-1949

meeting not held.

10-2-

Meeting not held.

11-6-

Clerk called attention the problems
7 members of ushers for the First Day meeting
present, for worship having been referred to
this committee from the Monthly Meeting.
After discussion it was decided that
two people be appointed to greet
members and visitors at the gathering
of the meeting for worship and that
they be responsible in seeing others
for the position the next week and
they others and so on. The more
important duty of meeting and
greeting visitors after the meeting
was stated and that that duty and
privilege to be shared by all.

Letter from a committee of the
Young Men's Meeting Committee in Musty and
Council to bring to the attention
of all Committee members the

duties as assigned by the Discipline to this body was read. After some discussion it was felt that some changes in the Committee membership should be yearly.

Clark reported on an interview with Charles Brown, a member living some distance from Rudine. He wanted to be retained on our membership lists.

Satisfaction was expressed in the effort of Parents of young children in bringing their children to the meeting for worship.

12-18-1949

6 members
present.

Meeting of the committee called by the clerk to discuss the application for membership of Catherine Perry. Her letter was read and Ruth White and Henry Foster are appointed a committee to call upon her.

Also an application of Albert Bermen was discussed. Roberta M. Alford and Robert L. Burgess are appointed a committee to look into the application and report to a future meeting.

A general discussion about memberships was had.

1-8-1950

10 members
present

The committee appointed Ruth D B
White as clerk for the coming
year or until other appointment is made.

Representatives to Narragansett Quilt
meeting were appointed. Elizabeth M.
Chase and Emma Foster.

A discussion on the time to hold
Committee meeting was held. Decided
to hold regular meetings on the First
Day ^{just} before Monthly meeting at 1.30 P.M.
with extra meetings to fully
discuss meeting matters. The first
extra meeting to be held on 1-29-1950

Committee reported on the application of
Albert Bernier for membership. After a
full discussion by all present it was
decided to recommend to the Monthly
meeting that he be received into
membership with us.

First month, 29th.

Nine members and four others, including the clerk and correspondent of Providence Monthly Meeting, were present at a meeting on Ministry and Counsel at the home of Edward and Ruth White.

Henry Foster and Ruth White reported calling on Katherine Perry in response to her application for membership. They had a very pleasant and satisfactory visit with her and were glad to recommend her for membership. The meeting accepted this and in turn passes the recommendation on to the monthly meeting.

Concern was expressed to the Meeting as to the present status of the MacClelland family. (Lee has been unemployed for many months.)

Sarah N. Gallagher was appointed to call on them to express the loving interest of the meeting and to see if there was some way in which the meeting might be of service to them.

The letter received last fall from a committee, appointed by the yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel, which called attention to the duties and responsibilities of local Meetings on Ministry and Counsel as set forth in the Discipline was read and considered together with concerns sent by Millicent S. Foster.

It was expressed that the quality of the ministry in the Pres. meeting is on a high plane. Appreciation was expressed for the helpful messages brought by.

several of the members and attenders.

In response to Milliecut Foster's concern that there is now no activity designed to consider the philosophy of the Society - the basis of our beliefs, it was felt that a much wider use of Friends periodicals would be helpful in answering this need. Since they contain reviews of worth while books as well as informative and inspirational articles. Several members have subscriptions to one or another Friends paper which could be passed on to other families. The book committee furnishes good material and it was suggested that attention could be called to this in the monthly bulletin.

Several new non-members have been in attendance at meetings

for worship in recent months and while there may be other attractions that could and should be given them, it was reported that books had been chosen for them to read and interest in their attendance had been expressed to them by several members.

Calling on members and non-members was discussed and, while it was admitted that more calling would be helpful, the opinion was expressed by one member that a duty call as a result of being on someone's list or by virtue of residing in a certain area would not give him the satisfaction of a spontaneous call out of pure friendliness or the desire to become better acquainted.

Therefore the responsibility of getting acquainted with members and attendees still rests on each member. A partial list was made of those on whom calls should be made but interest in this was not great.

The time and place of holding Monthly Meeting and ways of interesting members in attending same was discussed at length. It is felt that attendance at monthly meeting is very important and helpful as a means of becoming familiar with Friends' thought and actions, therefore it was decided to recommend to the Monthly Meeting that meetings be held on the 1st 5th day in the evening of even months, ^{with the exception of 6th mo.} and on the 1st 1st day afternoons, as usual, in the other months.

An attempt has been made and ^{some} progress reported in shortening the length of the Monthly Meeting sessions. In order to make further progress in this direction it is recommended that committees do their work as completely and thoroly as possible before reporting to the monthly meeting.

It was announced that D. Elton Trueblood is to be in Providence on Fourth mo. 19th to speak at a luncheon meeting of the Protestant Layman's League. Edward C. White was asked to find out if he could give any wine to meet with friends.

Adjourned to meet on 2nd month 5th.

Ruth S. B. White, clerk.

Imc Second month, 5th.

5 At a meeting on Ministry and Counsel held at the Meeting House preceding monthly meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted with a few changes.

The name for a committee to explore the possibility and desirability of engaging a paid worker and to consider the future of Providence monthly meeting was discussed. The name "Planning Committee" while not adequately expressing all that the committee is to do seemed to be about as inclusive and satisfactory as any. To this committee were appointed the following: Louisa White, Henry Foster, Philip Zifford, Helen Burgess and Ralph Thomas.

A further concern of Millie +

Foster, consideration of which there was not time for at the meeting on First month 29th, was read. This related to the responsibility of members occupying the facing seats. Discussion is postponed until the next meeting at which time we hope to discuss the discipline.

Ruth L. B. White, Clerk.

3mo 5th. At a meeting on Ministry and Counsel held, ^{1.30 P.M.} 3rd mo 5th at the Providence Meeting House eleven members were present. The minutes of the 2nd mo 5th meeting were read and approved.

It was decided that, in preparing for the report to be made of the spiritual condition of Prov. meeting, each member of this committee

should send to Sarah M. Gallagher an expression of his ideas on the spiritual condition of the meeting. She is to compile these and present a report at a special meeting to be called by the clerk.

The Planning Committee ~~has met~~ and reports it is considering the points of strength and weakness in the Providence Meeting. Further reports will be made from time to time.

Ruth D. B. White, Clerk,

4mo. 2

At a Meeting on Ministry and Counsel held on 4th mo. 2nd at the home of Edward and Ruth White there were 9 members and 2 others present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read. A limited discussion of the work of the Planning Com-

mittee" followed. A hope was expressed that a report by this committee could be made soon so that any misunderstanding and unnecessary uncertainty concerning a paid worker could be cleared up.

The following representatives were appointed:

To Narragansett Quarterly Mtg.
To be held at Westerly 4 mo 15th

J. Rudolf Metz

Henry C. Foster

Auna Foster

To Rhode Island Quarterly Mtg.
To be held at Providence 5th mo 6th

Millieet S. Foster

Robert S. Burgess

Sarah W. Gallagher

Sarah Gallagher read the report on the Spiritual Condition of the Meeting which was approved with changes.

In response to a request from yearly Meeting discussion was resumed of the duties of the Meeting in Ministry and Counsel. This discussion, especially as it pertained to being "watchful of the interests of non-resident and non-attending members" led to a review of the attempt made last year to contact all non-resident and non-attending members. Letters were sent to at least 14 members. Very few replies were received. The discussion revealed that we still have non-resident members who should be urged to transfer their members-

ship to the meetings or churches which they are now attending; We have non-attending members who need to have their obligations and responsibilities to the meeting pointed out to them; We have associate members ^{or} of 21 whom we should be glad to welcome into active membership or transfer to another meeting or denomination; and we have attenders and workers who are ~~not~~ members of other meetings or denominations whom we should like to have as active members of this Providence monthly Meeting.

The clerk was asked to write to Suzanne Hutton, Hazel and Ann-
Wm.rose Meyers, and ~~John~~ ^{Wm.} and
Gwen Halewood expressing ap-
preciation of their contribution to

the work of the meeting and the hope that they will soon become active members.

The matter of Philip and Virginia Fowler's coming to live and work in the Saylesville area was referred to this meeting by the Monthly Meeting. It was agreed that they would be very welcome and useful if they decide to settle here and the following committee was appointed to confer with them if they wished advice; Elizabeth Minnow, J. Rudolf Metz, Ruth White. Millie + Foster is to write to them immediately offering help in their period of decision.

It was felt that it would be helpful if several copies of the membership list could be made

available for use in the various committees. A suggestion was made that a list be included in the minutes of the monthly meeting once each year, preferably in June.

The meeting adjourned to meet at 1.30 on 5 mo 7th at the Meeting House.

Ruth L. B. White, Clerk.

5 mo. 7

At a Meeting on Ministry and Counsel held at the Providence Meeting House at 1.30 P. M. prior to Monthly Meeting. Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted with some changes. Ruth White reported that she had written to Suzanne Hutton, Ambrose and Hazel Meyers, William

and given Halewood as requested at the previous meeting. Given Halewood told Ruth White that they were very pleased to receive her letter and that she and the girls expected to apply for membership soon. The others have not been heard from yet.

Millie Foster reported that she had written to the Towles, as she had been asked to do at the previous meeting but had not yet heard from them.

Warren Howe was asked to talk with Peter Gardner who has recently been in attendance at Meeting for Worship. It was thought that he might be interested in applying for membership.

Jane Foster may be one of a

group to participate in a panel discussion at the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel and will incorporate ^{any} ~~the~~ ideas ^{this} ~~our~~ meeting has to contribute.

Adjourned to meet on 5th mo. 28th at 1.30 at the Meeting House.

Ruth White, Clerk.

6mo 1. Due to confusion on the part of the clerk and general lack of attendance the few who met on 5th mo. 28th postponed business until 6mo 1st at 7 P. M. prior to monthly Meeting. At this time 7 members were present. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Warren Howe reported talking with Peter Gardner who was definitely interested in becoming

a member of Providence Monthly Meeting. An application for membership ^{from Peter} was read. Robert Burgess and Rudolf Metz were appointed a committee to talk with him.

Meeting adjourned to meet in Saylesville on 7th mo., 2nd at 1.30 P. M. Ruth H. B. White, Clerk.

7mo. 2 At a Meeting on Ministry and Counsel held at Saylesville 7th mo, 2nd seven members were present. Minutes of the previous meeting were read.

There was no report concerning Peter Gardner's application for membership.

A letter from Virginia Towle was read telling of their plans for being in Europe for the

summer and early fall. They will be interested in meeting with the committee appointed to talk with them. The committee is continued for this purpose.

A letter from William and given Halewood asked that a committee be appointed to meet with them so that they may discuss a few matters in regard to membership before making application. Henry Foster, Philip Gifford and Ruth White were named.

Representatives were appointed as follows:

To Narragansett Quarterly Meeting,
To be held at Narragansett, 7th mo., 5th.
Anna Foster and Philip Gifford;
To Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting,

to be held at Portsmouth 5th mo. 5th.
Elizabeth Chase and Ruth White,
It was suggested that members of
the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel
invite our old^r associate members
and young members who are resi-
dent but not attenders to meet in-
formally to discuss their responsi-
bilities to each other and to the
meeting. There was general ap-
proval but no definite plans were
made. It was also suggested that
it would be helpful to use Russell
Brooks in the undertaking.

Meeting adjourned purposing to
meet in Saylesville 5th mo, 6th.

Ruth W. B. White, clerk.

Met on 21st

8mo 6. Six members were present at the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel held at Saylesville 8th mo., 6th. Minutes of the previous meeting were read.

It was reported that, of the two representatives to Narragansett quarterly Meeting, one attended and one asked to be excused. Of those appointed to Rhode Island, Anna Foster having been appointed to replace Elizabeth Chace, both attended.

A committee to meet with our older associate members and others was appointed; Ruth White and Robert Burgess. The committee may add others as seems advisable.

A new committee was appointed

to call on Peter Gardner; William and Millicent Foster.

Adjourned to meet at Saylesville
9th mo 3rd.

Ruth W. B. White, clerk.

9mo.
3 Seven members and others, including Russell Brooks, were present at the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel held at Saylesville 9th mo., 3rd.

William Foster reported very favorably on an interview he and Millicent Foster had with Peter Gardner. Approval of presenting his name to the Monthly Meeting for membership was expressed.

Ruth White, Philip Gifford and Henry Foster reported on their recent visit with the Halewood family and it was recommended that the names of William, Gwendolyn and

Carol Hallwood be presented to the Monthly Meeting for full membership and that Pamela be recommended for associate membership. ~~The same~~

Adjourned to meet 10th mo 5th at 7 P. M. in Providence,

Ruth H. B. White

10th Mo.

5th

At the meeting on Ministry & Counsel held Tenth Mo. 5th at Providence. Seven members were present. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. A letter from Suzanne Thomas Hutton applying for membership for herself and associate membership for her children, Richard Wetherill, Christine Elizabeth and Charlotte

Ellen Hutton was read and received with much pleasure. F. Warren Howe, Jr., Sarah W. Gallagher and Anna Foster were appointed to call on her.

Mary Lisson Barrett also wrote applying for membership for herself and associate membership for her children, William, John and Charles Barrett.

Friends were equally pleased to receive this request and Robert Burgess and Ruth White were asked to call on her.

The following representatives were appointed to attend Quarterly Meetings:

For Narragansett, to be held in Providence on Tenths Mo. 21st.

Anna Foster & Robert Burgess

For Rhode Island, to be held
at Swansea, Eleventh Mo. 4th
Sarah M. Gallagher, and
Henry C. Foster

Meeting adjourned

Ruth D. B. White, Clerk

11th Mo.

5 The committee on Ministry
and Counsel of Providence Monthly
Meeting met at The Meeting House
on First day, Eleventh month, 5th
1950 at 1.10 p.m. Eleven members
and several others were present.
The minutes of the last meeting
were read and approved.

The representatives to the two re-
cent Quarterly Meetings reported
that all attended to their appoint-
ment save one.

F. Warren Howe, jr. reported

for the committee appointed to call on Suzanne Hutton in regard to her application for membership. They recommended that she be received into membership and that her three minor children, Richard Wetherill, Christine Elizabeth, and Charlotte Ellen be received as Associate members. The committee approved and will so recommend to Monthly Meeting.

Action on the application of Mary Sisson Barrett for membership for herself and three minor children was deferred until the committee to visit her has a report.

Robert Burgess and Millicent Foster reported on the meeting held under the care of this committee with some adult Associate mem-

bers, some members who have not been active, and some attenders. They met at Arnolds Mill Community House on Tenth mo., eleven. Russell Brooks, associate field Secretary of N. E. Yearly Meeting led the discussion on the implications of membership in a Friends Meeting. At the request of the group another meeting will be held at the Providence Meeting House to continue the work on Eleventh Mo., 12. at 7.30 P. M.

A request from the Saylesville Meeting was received asking our help in getting Philip and Virginia Towle to live in that area to help with the meeting, and also to help in planning the First Day evening hymns

sings, with Friends as speakers.

J. Rudolph Metz, Elizabeth Munroe, Ruth S. B. White, and Millicent S. Foster are asked to help in this matter.

The committee was asked to have special concern over the Family Day Meeting the last First day in each month, when the children meet with us.

A request was ~~made~~ received from Moses Brown School that members of this Meeting attend the Moses Brown School meeting. Roberts and John Alford, F. Warren Howe, jr., and Henry C. Foster are appointed to see that Friends attend and that the schedule of the meetings is posted on the bulletin board.

Larsh Gallagher was asked to

let the Cambridge Friends Meeting know that Joyce Mekeel, a member of this meeting, is living in Cambridge attending Radcliffe College and ask that she be contacted.

The committee meeting was adjourned.

Clerk, pro tem.

Please hand to Robert S. Burgess
sign this report.

12th Mo.

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The Meeting on Ministry and Council convened about 7:10 P.M. on Twelfth Mo. 7 at the Providence Meeting House with five members present [a few members came in later].

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Robert S. Burgess and Ruth W. B.

White reported for the committee which met with some of our adult associate members and others to discuss the implications of memberships. It seems that work with this group has been concluded. No definite applications for membership have been received. The some individuals have indicated their intention of applying for memberships soon.

Ruth D. B. White reported that she had talked with Mary Jisson Barrett several times to make an appointment for a committee to call on her in regard to memberships. Mary seemed to prefer to have the committee call when John Barrett could be present. [In view of the fact that the application for membership included the three minor children this seems reasonable.] It was suggested that a new committee be appointed in

First Month to carry out this assignment.

Sarah N. Gallagher said that she had not yet informed Cambridge Friends that Joyce McKeel is living in Cambridge but she intends to do so.

The committee to work with Saylesville Friends in regard to First Day evening meetings had no report.

The meeting adjourned.

Clerk

1951

1st Mo.

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This First month Meeting ^{on} ~~of the~~ Ministry and Counsel was sparsely attended because the convenor had not received the names of the members in time to send notices that the first business of this Meeting is now to name a clerk.

Accordingly it was decided to post-

pone this important business to the next meeting.

The only business that was taken up at this Meeting was the continuance of the committee to talk with Mary Sisson Barrett in regard to her membership.

Sarah Gallagher was instructed to write to Ruth D. B. White to ask her if she and Robert S. Burgess would continue this service. Inasmuch as these two are no longer members of this Meeting on Ministry and Counsel their continued service on this committee would be rather special.

The Meeting adjourned, purposing to meet in Second Month on Fifth Day 2nd Mo. 1, the Lord willing.

Sarah N. Gallagher
Clerk for the Day

1951

2-1

This meeting was called for this date and only a few - 6 - members were present the only business conducted was the appointment of Clerk. Henry Foster was asked to serve for the coming year.

2-25

Meeting of the Providence Monthly Meeting Committee on Ministry and Counsel met on First day second month Twenty-fifth - 1951 at 2:30 PM eleven members present.

Sarah Gallagher reported that Joyce McKel was confined in a mental hospital in the Boston area. Cambridge Friends will be informed of her whereabouts.

Clerk read a letter from R. Brooks in regard to the membership and

the responsibility connected thereto.

Clark reported to the meeting the work with the College age group. It seems that way does not open for continued meetings with this group for the present.

The subject of the Spiritual Conditions of the meeting which is to be made into a report to go to the Quinly Meetings was then discussed. Charles Hutton was asked to write the report ~~as~~ based upon remarks made by the group and other thoughts he considered pertinent and report to a future meeting. Adjourn to meet on 4-5-1951 if permitted.

H. C. F. Lee Clark

4-5-1951 Providence Monthly Meeting Committee
on Ministry and Council held at the Meeting
House on 4-5-1951. Seven members present.
Minutes of the last meeting were read
by the clerk.

A letter requesting membership was
read which was received from
William J and Gladys Cook of
Granston. Harold Myers and Sarah
Lallagher are appointed a committee
to visit them and report to a
future meeting:

4-15-1951

At a meeting of the Providence Monthly
Meeting Committee on Ministry and
Council held at the Meeting House
at the rise of the Meeting for worship
on First Day Fourth Month Seventh, 1951
Representatives appointed to attend
Narragansett Monthly Meeting Committee

as Ministry and Council are Elizabeth
Chace and John Alfred.

To the Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting
are Millicent Foster and Sarah Lullagher.

John and Robert Alfred are appointed
to visit Shipen who has
applied to this meeting for Membership.

Marcia Fellome has also sent
her application for Membership and
to Mrs. Hutton and Sarah Lullagher
are appointed a committee to visit
her.

5-6-51

At a meeting of the Committee of Ministry and Counsel of the Providence Monthly Meeting held at Providence meeting house on fifth month sixth 1951. Eleven members present.

The minutes of the Fourth month fifth and fifteenth were read.

Louise Gallagher reported for the committee appointed to visit William J and Gladys B. Cook. They felt that they would be helpful to the meeting and that the meeting would be an influence to them. The committee will recommend membership status to the Monthly Meeting.

Amy E. Shepard's committee was represented by John Alfred. She is also recommended for membership.

Charles Hutton and Louise Gallagher stated that they had a very interesting

interview with Marcia Jellene, a
junior at Linden School, who has
applied for membership. She is recommended
for membership to the Monthly Meeting.

The concern of the meeting was expressed
in regard to the fact that many of
the parents and friends who attend the
First Day School do not attend the
meeting for worship. It is hoped that
a schedule can be worked out that
is more convenient to all.

6-3-51 A meeting of the Committee on Ministry and Counsel of the Providence Monthly Meeting was held at Sayberville A.I. on Sixth Month 3rd. 1951. Six members were present.

Harold Myers was appointed to the Committee to visit with the Barretts as Robert Burgess is unable to attend to the committee appointment.

Charles Nutton and Sarah Gallagher are a committee to visit Kemm and Ann White in regard to their applications for membership.

Barton Meyers has asked that his associate membership status be changed to that of full membership.

This committee fully unites with his request and will so report to the Monthly Meeting.

Elizabeth Murroe suggested that

the memberships lists of Lytleville
meeting be revised so that inactive
members be considered for discontinuance
on the memberships lists.

Harry Foster. Clerk.

7-1-1951 At a meeting of the Committee
of Minsby and Council at Lykensville
7-1-1951. Seven members present.

Our representatives to the
coming Rhode Island Quarterly meeting are
Sarah Gallagher, Millicent Teague
and Rudolph Metz.

Sarah Gallagher reported about
the progress on the Kenneth and
Aunt White applications for Membership,
and Thomas Perry is to act in the
place of Ches. Hultors.

No report of the committee to
confer with the Barretts.

Elizabeth Monroe, Helen Lifford
and Elizabeth Snow are appointed
a committee to ^{re-examine} revise the Lykensville
membership lists.

There will be no meeting of this
committee next month if no Monthly

meeting is held.

Aug 6. Foster. Clerk

9-2-1951

At a meeting of the Committee on Ministry and Council of the Providence Monthly Meeting held at Saylesville on 9 Novemb 2-1951. Ten members were present.

The Barrett application for membership was again reviewed. Ruth White and Harold Myers are encouraged to proceed with their appointments.

Sarah Gallagher reported on the Committee's visit to Kenneth and Annal White. The Committee recommends membership.

Elizabeth Snow is relieved from her position on the Committee to revise the membership lists of the Saylesville meeting at her own request.

10-4-51

At a meeting of the Committee on
Ministry and Counsel of the Divisance
Monthly Meeting held a Lincoln School on
Tenth month fourth after the rise of
the monthly Meeting. Six minutes present.
Decided to have our next meeting
one half hour before the Monthly meeting
at Sayreville.

Sarah Fullagher and Anna Foster
are appointed as our representatives
to our coming Monthly Meeting at
Westbury Rd on 10th month 20th.

Harold Myers reported for the
Committee to interview the Barretts on
their application for membership. This
Committee recommends to the Monthly Meeting
that Mary Barrett be accepted for membership
and the children -
as associate members.

11-4-51

at a meeting of the Committee on Ministry and Counsel held at Sayreville on 11-4-1951. Six members were present.

The concern for visitation was expressed anew. All the representatives attended to the R.D. Quarterly meeting at Westbury.

The ^{written} report of the ^{meeting} which is held on the Island of Martha's Vineyard was presented ^{from} by Albert Scott. Portraits were decided to be read at the monthly meeting.

12-6-51

at a meeting of the Committee on Ministry and Counsel held at Providence on 12-6-1951. Eleven members present.

Ghos Hutton expressed a concern about more time and thought and seeking Divine Guidance in the carrying out of the work of the meeting. -

1-6-1952

at a meeting of the Committee of Ministry and Counsel held at Saylesville First Month Sixth - 1952
nine members present.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Henry Foster ~~was~~ appointed clerk for the ensuing year.

Thomas and Margaret Perry asked that their three children, Caroline Freeman, Margaret Watson and Rhodie Foster be associate members of our meeting. This Committee recommends to the Monthly meeting that their request granted.

The ~~comand~~ Committee considered the situation at the Saylesville meeting brought about by the expecting removal of the Ambrose Meyers family. After a full discussion the following

Committee was appointed to ~~have~~ give
a full co-operation with the Lybasset
Meeting, to be Hutton, Robert Alford
John Alford, Ambrose Meyers
Hazel Meyers and Harold
Myers.

It was decided to hold a special
meeting of the Committee on First day
1-13-1962 at the home of the
Alfords 69 River St at the
rise of the meeting for worship.
Spiritual Conditions of the Meeting
and a questionnaire sent out by the
Yearly Meeting Committee will be
concurrent to gather with any other
business that may be brought to
our attention.

1-13-1952

At a special meeting of the Committee on Ministry and Counsel ~~was~~ held on 1-13-1952 at the home of the Alfords, ⁶⁹~~45~~ River St Providence R.I. Ten members present.

Harold Myers, Ernest A. Snow and Charles W. Hutton were appointed as our representatives to the Coming Twenty meeting.

Discussed the questionnaire sent out by the Yearly Meeting. A copy is a part of these minutes.

The annual report to Yearly Meeting on the Spiritual Condition of the Meeting was discussed. Decided that the Committee present John Alfard with their ideas who will write the report.

Chas. Hutton reported for the Committee appointed last meeting to

(To the Correspondents of the Meetings of New England
PLEASE hand this on to the Clerk of Your Meeting or
Counsel or one of your Elders in the near future)

To The Meeting On Ministry and Counsel.

Dear friends;

At Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel, June 17th, 1952, we expect to consider the subject of the work of the Meetings on Ministry and Counsel, under the title, "Why A Meeting On Ministry and Counsel?" We hope your meeting will have some Elders present.

To assist in the above, we ask you to please answer, as a group, the short questionnaire which appears below. This is to be anonymous and we trust you will be frank and honest in your answers.

After filling out the questionnaire, will you please send this sheet to Dairy N. Newman, Bayberry Road, Hamden 14, Conn.? Thanks!

OUR MEETING ON MINISTRY AND COUNSEL.

I. THIS BODY IN ACTION.

- A. We meet each month.
- B. As a usual thing our meeting lasts about four. Special meetings lasting 9
- C. We believe our Ministry and Counsel is functioning effectively consider the spiritual condition of the
- in the following: New Membership - General oversight of the
Committees and the spiritual tone of the meeting

II. OUR STRONG POINTS AND WEAKNESSES. (In spirit as well as action)

A. We believe we are strongest in:

1. spiritual guidance of the meeting
2. membership. Care of new
3.

B. We seem to be weak in:

1. Visiting Members, both new and old.
2. Concern for nonattenders
3. Lack of interpreting the First-Day school ^{with} the meeting ^{for} worship

III. THE DUTIES OF MINISTRY AND COUNSEL, as we conceive them, ARE:

1. Oversight of the Spiritual Life of the Meeting
2. Concern for the "Sufferings" of the individual members
3. Responsibility for the spiritual condition of the meeting
4. Care that co-operate responsibility not replace individual responsibility
5. Concern for the improvement of the meeting
6. In all the above concerns

visit Saylesville Meeting. After a full discussion it was decided that the full Committee meet with the Saylesville Meeting on First day 1-20-1951. Saylesville members and attendees are urged to attend.

The Wider Quaker Fellowship ship Troupe in residence in and around Providence was the subject of thought. Further consideration at future meetings.

Henry Feter, Clerk

2-7-1952

At a meeting of the Committee on
Ministry and Counsel held on 2-7-1952
at Lincoln School. Ten members present,
no representatives to the Quarterly meeting
from this committee were ~~in~~ ^{for} attendance.
A letter from John Alford in
regard to memberships in the
Widder Quaker Fellowship in
this area was read. John Alford
is asked to communicate with Mrs.
Julian Bucklin and Mrs. Bowmans
in regard to their relation to the
Widder Quaker Fellowship. Meeting
closed for the monthly meeting season.
Henry Foster clerk.

1952

3-2

At a meeting of the Committee on
Ministry and Counsel of the Providence
Monthly meeting held on 3-2-1952
at Saylesville Meeting House.
12 Members present.

John Alford and the meeting
discussed the problems of the Wider
Lumber Fellowship memberships in
the vicinity. Progress is reported.

The spiritual condition of the
meeting report was read by John
Alford. Report was acceptable
to this meeting and the report
is to be presented to the Monthly
Meeting.

Report to 2. Meeting.

H-4~~th~~ 1952.

At a meeting of the Committee on
Ministry and Counsel held Fourth
Month Fourth 1952 at Providence.
8 members were present.

The subject of what the meeting
could do to assist John Kellum
and family was brought up and
discussed. It was decided to
appoint Thomas Perry Jr. and
Amy Foster a committee to
confer with John and report to
our next meeting.

A. C. Foster Clerk

5-4-1952

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

7 members present.

1 / Henry Foster reported for the Committee appointed to confer with John Kellum in relation to his family problems and to see if the meeting could be of any assistance to him. The problem seems to have worked its self out and the committee is discharged and John is asked to confer with the clerk if need arises.

A letter ~~requesting membership~~ was received, written by J. Rusal Price, ^{requesting membership} for him self, wife Caroline and son Lighton, and Associate membership for daughter Carol Ann.

Harold Meyers and M. McInt Foster are appointed a committee

to attend to the matter and
report to our next meeting.

6 Mo - 5 - 1952.

At a meeting of the Committee on Ministry and Council of Providence Monthly Meeting held at Providence on Sixth Mo. 5 - 1952 Seven members present.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Harold Myers reported for the Committee to interview the Price Family in regard to their membership applications. The Committee is fully united in recommending the names presented for membership in the Monthly Meeting.

The concern was expressed to have our week-day meeting for worship re-established. The concern of Rosal Price was conveyed to the Committee that as we were widely scattered what a salvation would be that each family or families that live near by meet at a stated

time in their several homes for a period of worship. After discussion it was decided to present the matter before the Monthly Meeting but with the feeling that perhaps no action be taken at this time but more thought be expended upon the concern and it brought up again in the Ninth Month.

Wm. L. Foster, Clerk

9-7-1952

7 members present.

No meeting held in the seventh or eighth month.

Elaine and Philip Tifford Jr. requests that their daughter, ^{Sharon Monica} be received as an associate member.

The committee unites with the report and the clerk is so report to the Monthly Meeting.

Hearing of the death of Robert Munn
Sr., father of Elizabeth Munn this
committee appoints Thyrone Jane
and Henry Foster to visit the family
and offer the services of the meeting.

Henry Foster, Clerk

10-2-1952.

13 members present.

The Committee met and as time was very short and many things of importance to discuss it was decided to hold a special meeting at the home of Charles and Susan Hutton at 6:00'clock on the 17th of this month.

10-17-1952

14 members present.

Henry Foster and John Alford are appointed as our representatives to the Committee on Ministry & Council of the Rhode Island Quincentenary Meeting to be held on 10-18-1952, at Providence R.I.

The subject of re-establishing the mid-week, a concern expressed in our sixth month meeting, was brought forward by the clerk. After full discussion the following ~~were~~^{are} appointed to bring in a statement to our next meeting, Millicent Foster, Leona Hutton, John Alford and Harold Myers.

The need of a committee to see that the several needs of the members and others who ~~are~~ would appreciate a visit from some one of the meeting was brought forward. Several suggestions

were brought forward. To spread the
work over a wide a field as possible
the following were appointed to see
that some^{one} of the meeting did the
visiting in their neighborhood when
the need was felt. The Committee are
Sarah Lillagher, Helen
Lifford, Henry Foster and Phoebe
Mungo.

11-2-52.

7 Members Present.

Key Foster reported that both representatives attended Lenten Meeting on the 18th.

The seating arrangement and ushering needs were brought to the attention of the Committee. It was thought best to suggest that the Monthly Meeting appoint a standing Committee to deal with these problems and look after the care of strangers.

Some comment on the place of the Lurris in our Monthly Meeting.

The visiting Committee brought the membership of Charles Brown forward for discussion. Helen Lifford ~~was~~ is to write to him to see if he still wants to be a member here and to encourage him to transfer to Combings Meeting.

The concern expressed by several

Friends as to the procedure of raising funds by the American Friends Service Committee in the Providence meeting recently is to be brought to our attention at the next meeting.

12-4-1952.

10 members
present.

Meeting of the Committee on Ministry
and Counsel, held at Providence Meeting
House on 12-4-1952

Some discussion on the way funds
were raised by a recent American Friends
Service Committee meeting held in the
Meeting House was discussed. E. L. Hutton
was asked to convey the feelings of this
meeting to the Committee.

John Kellams' need for a housekeeper
was presented by Thomas Perry Jr. The Committee
members are asked to keep an active
alertness to his need.

The question of Saylesville Meeting
establishing a Preparative meeting was
brought forward. J. June Foster and Harold
Myers reported on the three meetings that
have been held at Saylesville in relation
to the matter.

This Committee favors such a step and
will so report to the Monthly
Meeting.

1-4-53

Samy Foster, retiring Clerk, submitted an annual report, which was approved. Samy is to present it to the Monthly Meeting.

Representatives named to attend the Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Council, to be held in Providence, First Month, 17th, are Jim Alfred and Thyrza Jane Forbes.

A communication is written by Gabrielle Bernard, a teacher at Oak Bluffs, Martha's Vineyard, whose parents live in Winsted, Connecticut, requesting membership in the Hatfield Monthly Meeting, and others from Ralph M. Williams of the Hatfield Meeting, and Albert Scott, of the Vineyard Haven Meeting, were read.

Hatfield Monthly Meeting closed.

The position that because of Jibrill's
inability to attend the Hartford Meeting,
and because of the close relationship
existing between the Providence and
Vineyard Haven Meetings, where Jibrill
has attended, Providence would be the
more logical place for him to join
Hartford Quies and Albert Scott
are agreed that Jibrill Bernard
is ready for membership. Albert Scott
feels his desire for membership
should no longer be deferred.

A Committee, consisting of John Alfred,
Margaret Asson and Albert Scott, is
named to confer with Jibrill Bernard
on Martha's Vineyard, at a suitable
time.

A Committee consisting of Thomas
Perry, Jr., J. Warren Howe, Jr. and Thos.
Jone Foster, was named to confer

with Mrs. J. L. B. Daily of Harragansett,
R.I., concerning the Faith and Practice of
Quindos.

Thomas Perry, Jr. and Alexander M.
Burgess, Jr. were named to serve
with J. Russell Price and Russell White,
appointed by the Saylesville Preparative
Meeting, in working out, if possible,
a program more in keeping with
Quindos' practices, and in the interests
of a more harmonious advancement
of the work in the Saylesville Prepa-
rative Meeting.

Harold W. Myra was named clerk
for the ensuing year.

Ten members were present.

Harold W. Myra
In the Meeting

2-5-53

The committee named to confer with Mrs. J. L. B. Daily gave a full report of this conference with her and recommended receiving her into membership.

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2-8-53

At the home of Thomas and Catherine Perry, a full afternoon's discussion relative to problems at Saylesville. The facts attending the existence of two Bible schools there were carefully weighed, but no decision was reached, save the conclusion to discuss the matter again 2-8-53.

2-8-53

It was decided to write a letter to members and attendees at Saylesville, setting forth the practices of Friends with the hope that conditions there might improve. The committee named to draft the

John consisted of Thayer Jane Foster,
Charles Sutton and Alexander Burgess Jr.
J-N-53 The discussion of the position
relative to Civilian Defense Drills, when
by Lugubus Price, as student at Thayer
High School in Providence and Raymond
Allen a student at Cranston High
School, presided in the morning of
a committee consisting of Charles
Sutton, Alexander Burgess, Jr, Robert Cool,
and J. Russell Price to consider what
should be done in strengthening the French
position and to keep informed of
developments, particularly as the young men
in question might be affected.

Lugubus and Raymond's position should
briefly be this: Ostensibly, drills in
schools are for protection; in reality,
they are means of instilling fear
and suspicion, especially in the unprepared.

visible minds of young children.

L-24-53

Friends again engaged in a long discussion of the Saylesville situation. One almost has the feeling that were as much patience and forbearance practiced at Saylesville as has been evidenced in this meeting concerning the meeting there, a satisfactory working agreement, at least, might well be reached.

A committee was named to confer with Elizabeth Monroe and Henry Foster, Robert Burgess and Helen J. Giffard.

J. Warren Howe, Jr. and Helen J. Giffard were named to confer with Meta Swining Lyons concerning her expressed desire to discuss the possibility of her joining the Society.

Harold W. Hager, Clerk

3-5-53

J. Warren Howe, Jr. and Helen J. Gifford
gave a full report of their conference
with Mrs. & Lynne, relative to joining
the Society. Hearing Mrs. Lynne had not
completely thought through the financial
position pertaining to the documents,
the Meeting deferred action until a later
date.

3-12-53

A full report was made by the
Committee named to confer with
April Bernard. This meeting approved
of recommending her acceptance into
membership.

3-19-53

The report of the Committee, consisting
of Alexander Burgess Jr. and John Alfred,
to explore the possibilities of forming
a group to study the history of Friends is

as follows:

Suggested topics for eight meetings are:

1. Religious background of Quakerism
2. Geography, Faith and Practice
3. The Organization of the Society of Friends in England and the New World
4. Quakerism in the 18th Century
5. Religious Problems of Quakerism in the 19th Century
6. Geographical Expansion and Variation of Religious Practice
7. Faith and Practice in, and between, Two Eras.
8. The Message of Quakerism Today.

John Alfred has agreed to summarize individual reports submitted by members of this meeting concerning the spiritual condition of the Meeting to be presented at the Monthly Meeting in Fourth Month. David W. Simpson, Clerk

4-2-53

The committee named to confer with Mark H. Lyons recommended that this Meeting recommend receiving her into membership. The club was instructed to make such a recommendation to the Monthly Meeting.

Passed W. Rogers, Clerk

5-10-53

Edwin J. Gifford, reporting for the committee to confer with Elizabeth Munroe, stated that it is apparent that it is just a matter of time until Elizabeth's Class will be discontinued because of too few members, which will mean that Elizabeth will no longer be a part of the Bible School, and will attend Meeting only.

Dr. Russell Price reported that conditions

were increasingly unhappy, but
that he thought they were not beyond
repair.

Because of the urgency of the
Saylesville situation, we decided
to have a special meeting of
Ministry and Council, at the
close of the following Fifth Day
Meeting and to request a special
session of the Monthly Meeting,
to convene at the close of the First
Day Meeting for Worship
5-16-53

The Clerk was directed to send
this communication to the Saylesville
Preparative Meeting

To the Saylesville Preparative Meeting
Phoebe Mungo, Clerk
Dear Friends:

The endless hours devoted to deliberations concerning problems at Daylesville, resulting from the existence of two Bible Schools have been characterized by honest searching for a just and lasting solution.

Judging from the findings of the committee named in concert with Elizabeth Monroe, it seems quite apparent that the class will soon be discontinued, & soon the loss, the meeting of Ministry and Council wishes to assure the Organized Meeting that, beginning in the fall, there shall be but one Bible School there. The Committee, consisting of Philip and Helen Peppard and Edward and Ruth White shall continue negotiations to that end. The plans for the opening of the school in the

full shall be made in conjunction
with the Religious Education Committee
of the Monthly Meeting.

The Preparative Meeting is urged
to proceed with plans for the 250th
Anniversary celebration, and such
other promotional activities as it
deems desirable.

The Preparative Meeting is commended
for its patience and forbearance during
this trying period of adjustment.

To the Meeting of Ministry and
Council David W. Byers
Chair

6-4-53

The following traveling minutes for John and Roberta Alfred is to be submitted to the Monthly Meeting for its approval.

Providence Rhode Island
6th Month 7, 1953

To all Friends,

Having indicated a desire to visit among Friends, John and Roberta Alfred, members of Providence Monthly Meeting, are given this traveling minutes to be used as may may appear.

Providence Friends have had the privilege of their services and fellowship for several years; their interests have been evident in all phases of the work, and especially in the affairs of the Meeting of

Ministry and Council, and in local
ministry, emanating from a quiet,
waiting fellowship. We regret very
much their leaving us.

We are happy, however, in the
thought, that they, such worthy
ambassadors of the Kingdom of
Eternal goodness, look forward to
spreading the good news of this
Kingdom of Life, and Light and Love.

The prayers and best wishes of
all of us go with them.

Very cordially yours,

The Ministry, Ministry and Council
of Providence Monthly Meeting.

Harold W. Rogers, Clerk

7-5-53 (at Daylesville)

Helen J. Gifford was named
to act as clerk for the day.
Robert S. Burgess and Thyrza
Jane Foster were named as
representatives to attend the sessions
of the Quarterly Meeting to be held
at North Darlington, Seventh Month
5th 1953.

Interesting reports were made
of impressions of members who
attended the Yearly Meeting
sessions "The Relative Responsibility
of Parents in Religious Training and
Instruction of Children" was the over-
all topic of the Yearly Meeting
Session of Ministry and Counsel.

Helen J. Gifford
(H. J. G.)

No report for the 5th Monthly Meeting was submitted.

9-13-13 (at Saylesville)

An excellent statement was given by William J. Connor, stating his reasons for desiring to join the Society of Friends was read. A Committee consisting of J. Russell Price and Alexander J. Burgess, Jr. was named to confer with William and report in 10th Month.

This meeting adopted the following recommendation to be submitted to the Monthly Meeting:

That the matter of a solution of problems relative to the two Bible Schools at the Saylesville Meeting be regarded as a Monthly Meeting matter, and that further communications

2 Elizabeth Munsie be from the
Monthly Meeting. This meeting is
in complete agreement with the
Religious Education Committee that
Elizabeth Munsie should not be
given a class to teach in the Say-
lesville Bible School until she is
willing to cooperate as a part of
one Bible School.

We further recommend that interested
friends at Saylesville be reformed of
the plans for the First Day School.

Harold W. Myers, Clerk

10-1-53

The committee, named in 9th month to confer with William Q. Connor, reports as follows:

William is a very serious and earnest young man & many of his convictions were reached through his reading and study before having any contact with friends. His parents accustomed to his peculiar ideas see this step as a natural one, and are in sympathy with his desire to become a Disciple.

This meeting approves without reservation recommending his acceptance into membership by the monthly meeting.

A communication, written by Alfreda Myers stating her reasons for desiring to join the meeting, was

had a committee consisting of
Helen J. Tiffard and Thyrza Jane
Doster was named to confer
with Alfreda and report at
our next meeting.

Representatives named to attend
the quarterly meeting session
of Ministry and Council to be
held in Providence South Month
17th are Harriet W. Myers Helen
J. Tiffard and Thyrza Jane Doster.

Harriet W. Myers. Clerk

1-1-53

I Warrn Howe, Jr. was
advised to attend the sessions
of the Bible School and Meeting
for Worship at Saylesville on
the coming First Day.

J. Russell Price reported as
follows concerning conditions
at Saylesville

There is general improvement
not only in the Bible School
but in the Meeting for worship
as well. Elizabeth Munroe has
become completely reconciled.
Though her adamantness is
softening somewhat, and once
her spirit of reconciliation is
complete all will be happy. Interest
at Saylesville is increasing.
The Committee named to confer

Mr Alfred Myers reports that
she is a slave girl for two years
and has given serious thought to
the matter of responsibility
relating to membership in the
meeting. The committee recommends
her acceptance into membership
by the monthly meeting.

Harold W. Myers, Clerk

12-6-53

Discussion centered about the procedure to be followed at the two o'clock session of the Quarterly Meeting, to be held in Providence, First Month 16th.

The Quarterly Meeting Committee, named at the First Month session, to increase the effectiveness of the Quarterly Meeting sessions, requested the local Meeting of Ministry and Counsel to be responsible for the two o'clock session. It was decided to have an open meeting at which time Friends are asked to discuss the question "Are we Proclaiming the Gospel Today?" Concern was expressed at the

Last session of the Monthly Meeting that young friends and students should be approached about becoming members of the Meeting. In keeping with this suggestion, Alexander J. Burgess Jr. and Charles Hallen were named to confer with prospective members.

Harold W. Hughes, Clerk
1-3-1954

Ten members of the Committee met. The question of chairman was left until next meeting as there was some question as whether all members realized their appointment as the full list was not published in the News letter.

There was no report from the Committee to interview young people about their membership as yet.

We agreed to meet again on Fifth Day,
1-21-1954

Millicent Foster and John Kellom were
named as representatives to the Q. M. 1/16, '54

J. J. Foster, Convenor.

1-21-1954

Six members were present

The Clerk is asked to send cords to all
absent members asking them to prepare
notes to be used for the report on the
spiritual condition of the meeting to
be presented at the meeting of M. & C 2nd
Month 4 at 7 P.M.

Russell Price is added to the Committee
to interview young people about their
membership - young people under 21.

The question of encouraging letters of
transferral was considered.

Since we are not known as a group
who seeks out the individual the

Correspondent is asked to ^{choose &} send cards
to 2 people who ^{should} ~~might~~ ^{they} ~~visit~~
visiting the person suggested
who may be ill or in need of
attention.

Strangers or visitors should be
given a copy of our News letter
at least once. The ushers should
attend to this.

The names of non-resident members
are asked for so that a letter
may go to each from some member
of this committee.

Dorothy Gifford reviewed the
pamphlet "Hand book for Elders
and Overseers".

Caleb Smith is appointed ^{Clerk} Chairman
for the year. He undertakes this
duty with a deep sense of
obligation to do what the meeting

asks him to do, which we appreciate.

J. J. Foster, Convenor

Second Month, fourth, 1954

The Meeting convened at 7 p. m. Eight members were present.

A list of members of the Monthly Meeting who live at a distance from the Meeting was circulated. Members of this Meeting agreed to write letters of fellowship to the Friends whose names they selected from this list. Slightly more than half the Friends listed were chosen by members present at this session. The list will be recirculated at our next session.

Four members read paragraphs suggested for the report on the spiritual condition of the Monthly Meeting. The remaining members are asked to bring suggested paragraphs to our next session. The Clerk will write absent members asking them to do likewise.

Notes
sent

and informing them of the time and place of our next session.

We adjourned at 7.30 p.m. for Monthly Meeting. We purpose to meet ~~for~~ at 12.30 p.m. for a box lunch on First Day, the fourteenth of Second Month, the Lord willing.

Caleb A. Smith, Clerk

Second month, fourteenth

Met according to adjournment. Ten members were present.

We discussed the question of sponsoring a Meeting in the Pembroke Meetinghouse on Eighth Month 15th. The request of a local committee for meetings was referred to us by the Monthly Meeting. We decided to suggest that the Monthly Meeting write saying that it would sponsor such a Meeting if local people felt that the Meeting had not cultivated its usefulness.

We read and discussed written suggestions for the Report on the Spiritual Condition of the Meeting which members of this Meeting had prepared. The Clerk was asked to compile a draft report.

Adjourned, supposing to meet at 1.30 pm on Third Month, seventh prior to the Monthly Meeting, the Lord willing.

Carl Smith, Clerk

Third Month, seventh

The matter of the Meeting at the Pembroke Meetinghouse was brought up for reconsideration. After considerable discussion and in view of an invitation to participate in a Meeting at Little Compton on Eighth Month, 29th it was decided to change our recommendation to the Monthly Meeting. We suggest that Ministry and Council be authorized to explore with the people in the Pembroke area who are interested the question of whether the Meeting has outlived its usefulness and also whether

it would be practical to have Providence Friends
sponsor a Meeting in a month other than Eighth
Month.

The correspondent has informed us that she
feels unable to carry the responsibility for asking
Friends to visit Friends who are sick. We were
unable to consider a new disposition of the matter
in the time available and lay the matter over to
our next session.

We adjourned to meet at the call of the Clerk.
All Faithfully, Clerk.

Third month, eleventh

Met at the call of the Clerk at 7.30 p.m.

Seven members were present. We considered the
request of Helen Bifford that she be replaced as
the Friend charged with arranging for visits to Friends
who are sick. We were unable to think of anyone
who we felt should be asked to undertake this
responsibility. We will keep this need under consideration.

We asked the clerk to write to Margaret Powell in pursuance of our suggestion to the Monthly Meeting which it approved.

We discussed at length the report on the spiritual condition of the Meeting. The clerk was asked to prepare a redraft in the light of this discussion.

We adjourned to meet at the call of the Clerk.
Call Smith, Clerk

Fourth month, first 1954 Met at call of the Clerk at 5 p.m. The report on the spiritual condition of the Meeting was approved and the clerk was directed to present it to the Monthly Meeting this evening.

^{The clerk reported that he had written to Margaret Powell.}
We decided to ask Suzanne Hutton whether she would undertake responsibility for arranging visiting of Friends who are sick. The Clerk will talk with her about this matter.

We discussed the proposals with respect to reorganization of the Five Years Meeting with Helen Burgess and Ruth White who plan to attend the

board meetings in Richmond in the latter part of this month.

We adjourned purposing to meet for a further discussion of these proposals before the Friends from our Meeting leave for Richmond.

Caleb A. Smith, Clerk

Fourth Month, eleventh

Met at two p. m. to continue our discussion with Helen Burgess and Ruth White.

Caleb A. Smith, Clerk

Fifth Month, second

We have received an application for membership from Peter Feinauer. Russell White and Millicent Foster were appointed as a committee to visit him and to talk with his family.

The clerk was asked to explore with Russell Brooks the possibility of his giving a

series of talks in the Fall on the Faith and Practice of the Quakers.

We did not appoint representatives to the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry & Counsel but were represented by Jane Foster, Willicent Foster, and Caleb A. Smith.

Suzanne Hutton has agreed to head up a committee on visitation.

Charles Hutton will be asked to serve as the counsellor for the Good and Country award of the Boy Scouts of America which Allen Smith wishes to try to qualify for.

We adjourned purposing to meet at 5 p.m. on sixth month, third, the Lord willing.

Caleb A. Smith, Clerk.

Sixth month, third

Met according to adjournment.

A concern was expressed that the minute book of the Monthly Meeting be kept up to date. The clerk is asked to convey to the recording clerk

Seventh month, eleventh

We met at 1.30 p.m. at the Saylesville Meetinghouse.

Thyra Jane Foster reported that Albert Scott phoned in response to our letter to him. He plans to come to Quarterly Mtg. at No. Dartmouth next seventh day and to Providence Meeting the following day. The Friends previously named will talk with him as way opens.

We recommend to the Monthly Meeting the enrollment as an associate member of David Christopher Gifford, son of Philip and Elaine Gifford.

We recommend to the Monthly Meeting that the request of Georgiana Fall and John Foster to be married under the care of the Meeting be approved. We suggest that the committee appointed to inquire into their clearness contact a Friend or Friends in Louisa.

Our committee appointed to visit Peter Feinauer recommended that we recommend to the

Monthly Meeting his acceptance into membership. We approved this recommendation.

We appointed John Kellam and Millicent Foster our representatives at the Quarterly Meeting for Ministry and Counsel.

We agreed to suggest to the Monthly Meeting that a letter of appreciation of their participation in the work of the Meeting be sent to the McClellands who have moved to Pennsylvania.

Adjourned to meet at the call of the clerk or at 1.30 on eighth month, first.

Call B. Smith, Clerk

Eighth month, first

Millicent Foster and Thyra Jane Foster reported on their conversations with Albert Scott. Members of this Meeting were urged to try to visit Martha's Vineyard Meeting and the Scotts.

The clerk was asked to communicate with Louise Cool the recording clerk of the Monthly Meeting to prefer the assistance of John Kellam with the clerical work of bringing the minutes book up to date and keeping it that way.

Adjourned to meet at 1.30 p.m. on ninth month, ~~twelfth~~ or at the call of the clerk

Calvin Smith, Clerk

Met ninth month, nineteenth.

We did not meet on ninth month twelfth because of the postponement of Monthly Meeting to the nineteenth as a result of the hurricanes.

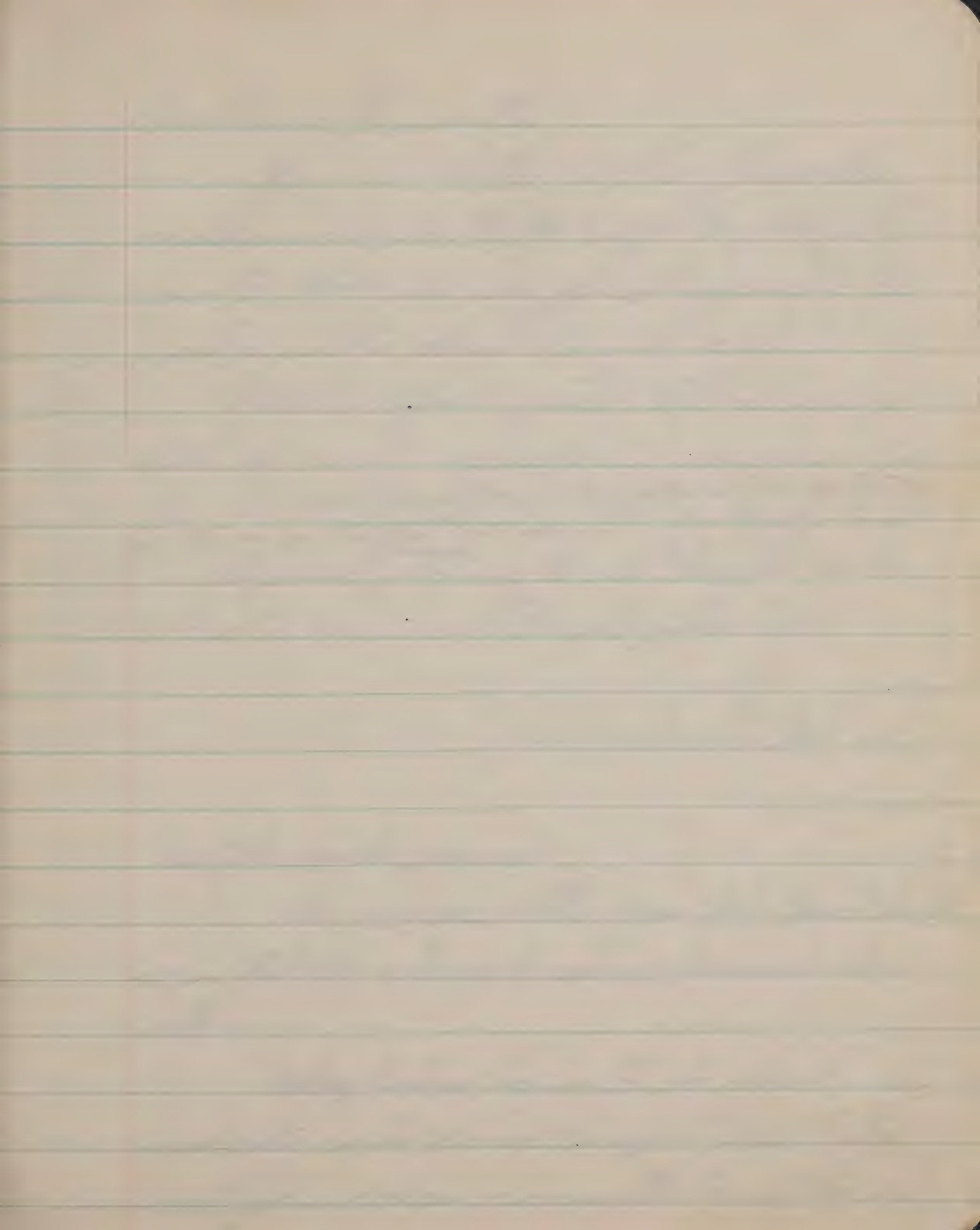
We heard further reports on Albert and Otis Scott. Cal and Jean Smith visited the Scotts and William and Millicent Foster who were able to make a visit. The results of these visits at the time of the visits did not seem too encouraging but letters received by Millicent Foster since her visit indicate that progress is being made

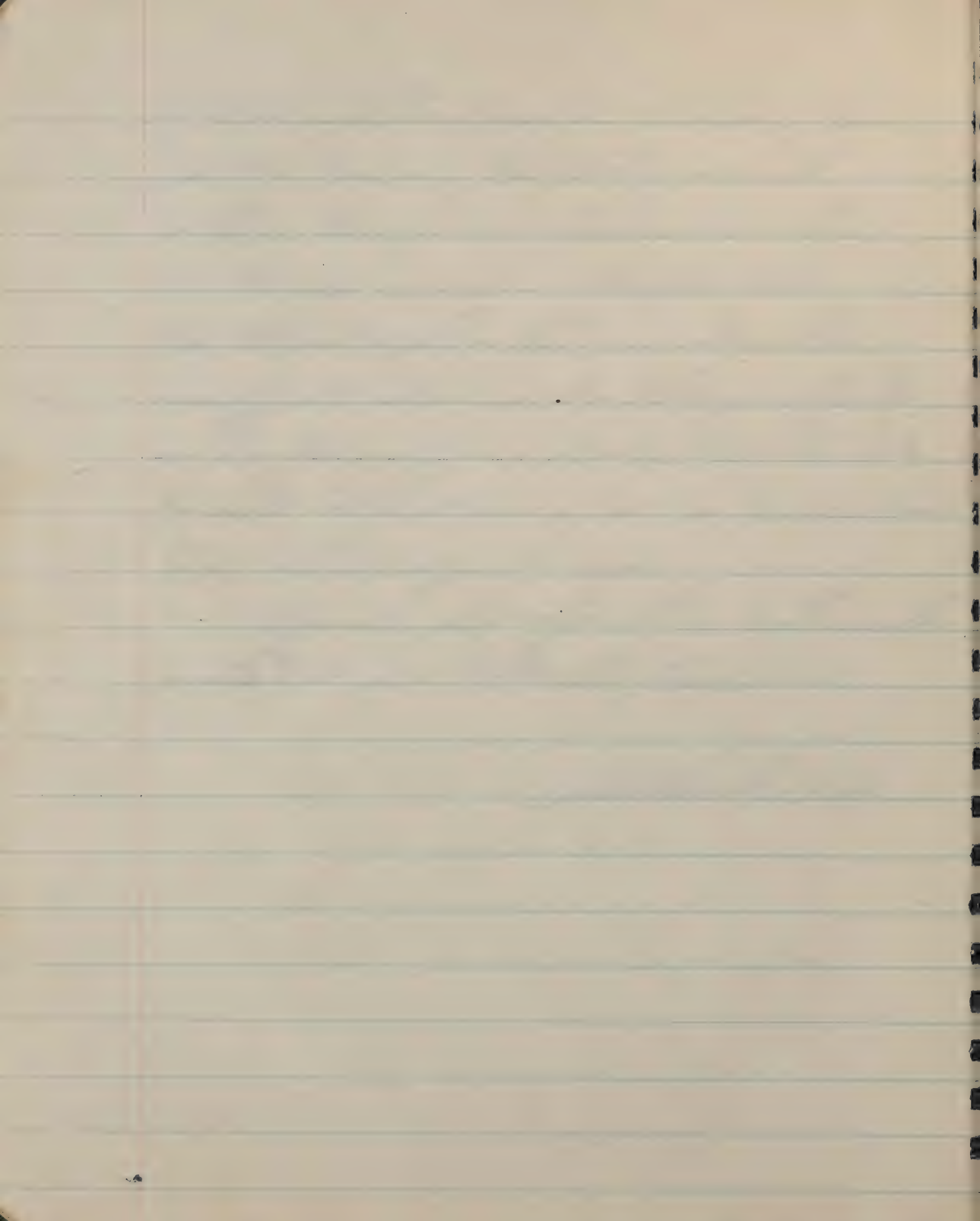
by Albert and Isten toward a resolution of their problems. Members of this Meeting ~~are~~ will continue their friendly interest in this matter.

We have received a letter from Phebe Mac Alland requesting that, since she will be away from Providence or other Meetings indefinitely, we drop her name from membership. We ask the clerk to write her that we see no occasion in her circumstances to necessitate dropping her name.

Adjourned, purposing to meet on tenth month seventh at 6.30 pm. or at the call of the clerk.

Call W. Smith, Clerk





Eleventh month, seventh

We reviewed the practice of having the children come to the Meeting for the first fifteen minutes. There was very general approval of the practice and a desire to continue it.

Dorothy Gifford reported that Lois Dailey had expressed appreciation of our concern for her. The Delorach Junior Fund is to be expanded at the direction of this Mtg. (It was reported that \$76.71 was in the Delorach Junior Fund.)
Adjourned purposing to meet twelfth month 2nd at 6.30 p.m. or at the call of the Clerk.

Caleb A. Smith, Clerk

Twelfth month, second

We received a letter from Phoebe MacCalland saying that she is happy to continue her membership with us.

Audrey Kestner has written to request membership in the Meeting. We appoint James Foster and John Kellam a committee to visit her and

report to us.

Natalie C. Howe has written asking for memberships for herself and her daughter Judith. We appoint Dorothy Gifford and Millicent Foster a committee to visit them and report to us.

We decided to contribute \$25 from the Deborah Jenches Fund toward the traveling expenses of Esther Rhodes.

We would like to plan the three meetings with Russell Brooks on the Faith and Practice of Friends in late March and April if possible. (March 31, April 14 and 28). One ^{or two} of these sessions might be in Saylesville.

Adjourned purposing to meet on first month, second ^{or} the call of the clerk.

Call Smith, Clerk

First Month, second 1955

Met at 1.30

John Kellam and Jane Foster reported on their visit with Audrey Kestner with respect to her application for membership. They felt that she understood and agreed with the principles of the Society and was ready to accept responsibility as a member. We decided in accord with the procedure determined at the last Monthly Meeting to report receipt of the application to the Monthly Meeting. Audrey Kestner has not requested associate membership for her daughter Janet as she wants her to be entirely free to make her own decision as to religious affiliation.

Millicent Foster and Dorothy Syfford reported on their visit with Natalie and Judith Howe. They believe that they are well acquainted with Friends principles and ready to accept them. We decided to report this application to the Monthly Meeting.

Adjourned purposing to meet at 7.30 on First Mo. 20th

We appointed Robert Cool, Millicent Foster and Caleb Smith representatives to the Quarterly Mtg. on Ministry and Council. or at the call of the clerk.

Caleb Smith, Clerk

1st month 20th

F. Warren Howl, Jr. will serve with Suzanne Hutton on our sub-committee to see to it that Friends who are sick are visited.

We agreed to pay the travel expenses of Otten and Albert Scott and their family to Quarterly Meeting from the Deborah Jones Fund. We feel that ~~such~~ their visit was very worthwhile.

Each member of the Meeting is asked to prepare a paragraph or two ~~data~~ on the spiritual condition of the Meeting for a gathering to be held at Harold & Mary Myers on 2nd Mo. 13th at 4 p. m.

The Meeting asks Caleb D. Smith to continue as its clerk for the coming year.

The Meeting unites in asking its Clerk to send a letter to J. Russell Price introducing him to British

Friends among whom he will be visiting.

Adjourned purposing to meet at 2.00 p.m. on second month third or at the call of the clerk.

Calvin Smith, Clerk

2nd Month 3rd

We unite in recommending Audrey Kestner and Natalie and Judith Howe for memberships in the Meeting.

Adjourned purposing to meet at 4 p.m. on the 13th of the Month.

Calvin Smith, Clerk

2nd Month 13th

Paragraphs on the spiritual condition of the Meeting were read and discussed. We ask Robert Cool to take these suggestions and in the light of our discussion to prepare a draft of a report.

We decided to sponsor a covered dish supper meeting for Richard Williamson on Fourth Mo. 27.

Richard Williamson
April 27, 1894
Covered dish
supper meeting
for Richard Williamson
on Fourth Mo. 27

A concern was expressed for invitation
of the Lincoln School Meeting for Worship on
Sixth Day at 10.30 a.m.

A concern that Friends have a period for
mid-week worship in small groups but at the
same time. It is suggested that not only a time
but a Bible theme be proposed for each week. We
set Fifth day evening at 7.30 p.m. Friends ~~shall~~^{are}
~~encouraged~~ to visit other Friends for this worship time.
We set Fifth Day evening, 2nd Month 24th for the first
gathering. A group will gather at the Meeting house.
The project will be presented at the opening exercises of the
First Day School by Charles Hutton.

We adjourn purposing to meet on First Day
Third Month sixth at 1.30 p.m. or at the call of
the clerk.

Caleb Smith, Clerk

Third month, sixth.

We reviewed the arrangements with respect to

the Fifth Day evening worship. We are concerned that more Friends who are free to do so come to the Meetinghouse at this time.

Our sub-committee on visitation reported on the ^{comprehending} plans it has made to ensure that Friends who are sick or homebound are visited. They also reported on a number of visits.

We adjourn purposing to meet on Fifth Day the 17th at 7.30 p.m. or at the call of the Clerk.

Caleb Smith, Clerk

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Third Month, 17th

Our sub-committee on visitation reported that they have made nineteen requests and that eleven replies have been received to date. We commend them for their good work.

We decided that ^{in reply to} a message from the Baha'i Youth requesting a speaker on the religious duties of youth that we ask Dorothy Lifford to speak for us.

Robert Cook presented a ^{draft} report on the spiritual condition of the Meeting. After considerable discussion we decided to submit this draft to the Monthly Meeting as our report.

We adjourn purposing to meet at Saylesville at 1.30 pm on Fourth Month, third or at the call of the Clerk.

Caleb Smith, Clerk

Fourth Month, third

We received a request for membership from William H. Olmorr and his daughter Mary Jane. We appoint Harold Myers and Warren Howe as a committee to visit them.

We discussed our responsibilities with respect to educational assistance to the children of Albion & Glen Leth. We appoint Caleb Smith, William Foster & Warren Howe to inquire further.

Representatives to Q. M. Meeting or Ministry Council: Warren Howe, Harold Myers, Harold Meyers.

Russell Price expressed his gratitude for the letter of

introduction to Brutal Friends which we sent to him.

We were pleased to have Marion Kelley a visiting elder from Amherst Monthly Meeting meet with us.

Adjourned, purposing to meet on Fourth Month, twenty-first at 8 pm. following Fifth Day Meeting for Worship.

Edith Smith, Secy.

Fourth Month, twenty-first

We unite with our committee appointed to consider education as assistants to Peggy Scott. We suggest to the M. M. Scholarship Committee ^{that they} give \$300 toward board and room and incidental expenses and that Lincoln School be asked to give a scholarship of about \$25 less than tuition, the Scotts to carry the rest of the expenses which should not exceed \$500. We ask the committee to convey our feeling to the Scholarship Committee and the school and to consider the best way to approach Albert's mother for a possible financial contribution to the school.

Peggy's attendance at Lincoln should not be contingent upon such contribution, however.

Harold Myers reported for the committee to visit W^m H. O'Connor and Mary Jane. We will report to the next Monthly Meeting that we have their application.

We adjourn proposing to meet at 130 on First Day, Fifth Month, first or at the call of the clerk.

Caleb Smith, Clerk

Fifth Month, First

The question of Peggy Lett's attendance at Lincoln School was reopened. We ask our clerk to visit them as soon as possible. Our emphasis in this matter should be on the general welfare of the family. On this basis we are prepared to recommend the financial assistance decided on at our last meeting.

Helen Lafford brought to our attention the need to visit inactive members. We will ask

Agree Foster to supply our committee or visitors with a list of such members. We hope to bring them into activity or have them seriously reconsider their membership with us.

Adjourned to meet sixth month, fifth or at the call of the clerk

Edw. A. Smith, Clerk

Sixth month, fifth

The clerk reported on his visit to the South. It now appears that Peggy will attend Lincoln School in the fall being with Robert and Louise Cook and their family. We ask our clerk and his wife to continue oversight of the arrangements and to serve as our representatives in counselling Peggy. We reaffirm the financial arrangements outlined in our minutes of fourth month, twenty-sixth. We ask Richard Wetz as treasurer of the Monthly Meeting to receive from the South their contribution toward Peggy's board and to remit regularly to the Cooks from this money and from

the funds appropriated by the Meeting's Scholarship Committee.

We will recommend to the Yearly Meeting that it accept into membership William H. O'Connor and his daughter Mary Jane.

Adjourned, purposing to meet on seventh month, tenth or at the call of the clerk.

Caleb Smith, Clerk.

Seventh month, tenth

We appoint Robert S. Burgess, F. Warren Howe, Jr., and Caleb Smith our representatives to the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Council.

Adjourned, purposing to meet on eighth month, seventh or at the call of the clerk.

Caleb Smith, Clerk

Eighth month, seventh

We discussed our responsibility to various regular attendees & Robert Bridgford, Lawrence Priddy.

Adjourned, purposing to meet on ninth month, eleventh or at the call of the clerk.

Ninth month, eleventh

We discussed the problem of the evident slackening of religious interest among our members during the summer months. We also considered the lack of faithfulness to contributions in some of our members. A letter was sent to the Ladies' Society committee.

Twelfth month

We adjourned, proposing ^{to meet} at 8.00 pm on the 23rd of this month or at the call of the club.

W. B. Smith, Clerk

Ninth month, twenty-ninth

We met at the call of the club. We did not meet on the 23rd because of the press of the ^{meeting} of the party including service that morning for Elizabeth Clark whose passing we note with a deep sense of loss.

We went over the list of inactive local members of the Meeting. After considerable discussion we asked the correspondent to check on responses to the letters and budget appeal by these Friends.

We considered the possibilities of activities for college-age young Friends and attenders at our Meeting. We decided to arrange a discussion meeting for them starting First Day, Tenth Month, month. We ask Deborah Foster to ask Jean Glenn and James Oldham to cooperate with her in gathering this group together.

Russell Price presented a concern that the Saylorsville Meeting for Worship is not meeting the needs of the attenders especially the young Friends. Longville Friends have considered this problem and feel that for a period of a few months, it would be advisable to have a Friend asked in advance to present worship material at the opening of the Meeting for Worship. We are easy to have them try out this plan. We unite with them in a continuing concern over the lack of ministry in the Meeting.

We adjourn purposing to meet

Tenth Month
Clark.

at the call of the

Clark

Tenth Month, sixth

Met briefly before and after Monthly Meeting at
the call of clerk. We decided to report to the Monthly
Meeting the application for membership of George C. St. John. We
appointed Harold Myers,

representatives to Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Council
Eleventh Month, second Called to the 11th, Clark

We ask Caleb A. Smith and Robert W. Cook to
visit George C. St. John to talk with him about his
application for membership in the Meeting.

Daylesville Friends reported that they have not
felt the need ^{for the present} to ask Friends to present worship material
at the beginning of the Meeting for Worship.

Louise Cook reported on Peggy Scott's progress.

Helen Zifford reported on the inactive members.
We feel that we should make further efforts to
contact these Friends. We will ask the Q. M. Meeting

on Ministry and Council to discuss the problem of inactive members.

We ask Harold Myers, Helen Gifford, Harry Foster and Russell White to serve as a committee to ~~arrange for~~ ^{to} contact the local inactive members and to report to us on the problem of inactive members.

We adjourned purposing to meet before Monthly Meeting on First Day, Twelfth Month sixth.

Caleb Smith, Clerk

Twelfth Month, sixth

Met pursuant to adjournment. Our committee appointed to visit George C. St. John, Jr. reported that they felt him unusually well prepared for membership and recommended that we report his name to the Monthly Meeting with our approval. We decided to recommend his acceptance into membership by the Meeting.

Adjourned to meet at the call of the clerk.

Caleb Smith, Clerk

Twelfth Month, fourth

Met at the call of the clerk. We decided that we should make a report to the Monthly Meeting on our work ^{during the past year} and the areas of concern which have particularly in view.

We discussed at length our pastoral responsibilities for the members of the Meeting both active and inactive.

We unite in appointing F. Warren Howe, Jr. as clerk for the coming year.

We adjourn purposing to meet at the call of the clerk.

Edw. Smith, Clerk

The Committee on Ministry and Council met at 1:30 p. m. on 1st mo. 8th 1956.

After a reading of the minutes from 25th mo. meeting, the Sub-Committee on Inactive Members announced that their report would not be ready until 2nd mo.

The Clerk read a notice of the Wolvemen Hill Conference on Worship scheduled for 1st mo 19-21. Caleb Smith thought that he might be able to go. It was suggested that Sarah Gallagher, Marion Rawson, Philip Gifford and Seymour Wiley be asked to go if they could.

Representatives to Quarterly Meeting are Millicent Foster, Suzanne Hutton, and Henry Foster.

It was noted that 2nd mo 7th at 2:00 p. m. was the date and time for the Meeting for Worship in memory of Francis Wheeler in Providence Meeting House.

The Meeting concluded at 2:05 p.m.
F. Hansen Howe, Jr. Clerk

The Meeting on Ministry and Council
convened at 7:05 p.m. on 2nd mo 2nd in Prov.
Mtg. House.

It was reported that Caleb Smith attended
Woolman Hill Conference on Worship on
1st mo. 19-21 and found it worthwhile
but there were very few attenders.

We agreed to meet again on 2nd mo. 23rd,
at 8:00 p.m. to consider the spiritual condition
of the Meeting. Harold Myers was appointed
to coordinate ideas.

Letters from Robert Cool and John Kellam
regarding Peggy Scott's transfer to the Heinicke
residence were read. The Committee on Ministry
and Council should be consulted on affairs and
events concerning Peggy Scott in the future.
Two members of the Scholarship Committee

present felt that to be the proper way of handling the situation. Caleb Smith will see Victoria Feinauer about financial arrangements.

The Meeting rose at 7:45 p.m.

FWarren Howe, Jr. Clerk

The Meeting for Ministry and Council met at Prov. Inty. Home on 2nd mo. 23rd. at 8:15 p.m. with nine members present.

The Committee on Inactive Members has made some progress. Russell White has been in touch with Elizabeth Munroe. The sub committee is not yet ready to make a report.

As far as can be determined at this time Peggy Scott's stay with Victoria Feinauer is harmonious.

The rest of the evening was devoted to a discussion of the Spiritual Condition

of the Meeting. Harold Ingers said that he could perhaps present a rough draft on the subject at the next meeting called for 1:30 p.m. on 3rd mo. 4th.

The Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

F. Warner Howe Jr. Clerk

At the Meeting for Ministry and Counsel which occurred at 1:40 p.m. on 3rd mo 4th in Prov. Inty. House, Thomas Perry called for a sub committee to care for the affairs of Peggy Scott. The committee appointed a sub-committee for this purpose consisting of Caleb Smith, Indecent Foster, and Thomas Perry.

Harold Ingers read his draft of the Spiritual Condition of the Meeting. It was agreed that three copies should be made and distributed among the Committee members to be returned

by mid month to Harold Myers
initiated and with any comment attached
that seemed necessary.

The meeting rose at 2:10 p.m.
after purposing to meet again for
a supper and discussion at 5:30 p.m.
on 4th mo 5th.

J. Haven Howe, Jr. Clerk

The Clerk being absent on 4th mo 5th, 1956
there seemed to be no notes taken. It
was recalled that the draft of the Spiritual
Condition of the Meeting was presented and
approved, and that Harold Myers
and Henry Foster were appointed representatives
to the Quarterly Meeting.

J. Haven Howe, Jr. Clerk

The Committee on Ministry and Council
met in Doyleville at 1:35 p.m. on 5th Nov 6th
1956.

The special committee on Peggy Scott reported
her Academic condition as not too encouraging.
She may go to Barnerville or Scattergood next year.

The sub committee on membership has been
held up for lack of some Doyleville names.
A questionnaire is about ready to go out after
which a new membership list will be
published.

The Committee recommends to the Monthly Meeting
that we stay on the present schedule of Monthly
Meetings until further consideration has been
given the problem. A special committee to consider
the situation was appointed. They are Harold
Myers, Russell White, Hazel Myers, and Warren Howe.

The Meeting concluded at 2:15 p.m.

FW Howe, Jr. Clerk

The Committee on Ministry and Counsel met in Saylesville on 6th mo 3rd at 1:30 p.m.

Henry Foster reported receipt of about half of the questionnaires mailed out. Forty to fifty more have not been mailed because the addresses have not been furnished.

The committee on Monthly Meeting dates did not meet but other groups have discussed the matter. Suggestions offered the committee are as follows:

- 1.-To have Monthly Meeting in Prov. Intg House every month.
- 2.-To have the combined First Day Schools in Saylesville two or three times each year.
- 3.-That a luncheon host and hostess be appointed when Monthly Meetings occurred on First Day.
- 4.-That 8th mo Meeting not be held except at the call of the Clerk.
- 5.-That 9th mo Meeting be held on the 2nd First Day because of the Labor Day

week end.

Caleb Smith, has received a reference blank from Burnsville for Peggy Scott.

We adjourned at 2:02 p.m. after.

Purposing to meet at 1:30 p.m. on 7th mo 1st.

I.W. Howe, Jr. Clerk

Meeting at 1:35 p.m. on 7th mo. 1st., the Committee on Ministry and Council received the recommendation of the special committee on monthly meeting dates. The special committee feels that meetings on odd months should occur on the first First Day in each month, ^{and} that meetings on even months should occur on the first Fifth Day evening in each month. All meetings shall be at Providence Meeting House except those in Third, Fifth, Seventh, and Ninth Months. These meetings will be held in Saylesville. It was hoped by the special

committee that the Two First Day Schools might meet together in Saylesville on Monthly Meeting days there.

The Committee on Ministry and Council agreed to present the special recommendation to the Monthly Meeting and added the following: that ~~during~~ⁱⁿ Fifth Month the Monthly Meeting shall be held on the second First Day instead of the first.

It was agreed that a discussion on Spiritual Condition Reports would take place in the Fall.

Louisa White will be available to make calls where necessary after 8th mo.

Representatives to Quarterly Meeting in No. Hartmouth on 7/21 are Caleb Smith, Henry Foster, Harroty Gifford.

The meeting rose after purposing to

meet one half hour before the next
monthly meeting.

Further, the Clerk

The Committee on Ministry and Council
met at the call of the Clerk at
7:35 p.m. on 8th mo 16th in Providence
Meeting House to discuss a letter
sent to all members of the committee
by John Kellam requesting assistance.

After considerable background
briefing and discussion, it was
agreed that the five members
present were not enough and the
Clerk was asked to contact John
Kellam and ascertain whether the
matter might be delayed until ~~September~~
9th mo. when more people could
be present.

Thomas Perry was required
to make certain inquiries in

the meeting and it was thought that Ruth Burgess should be invited to the next meeting.

W. H. H. J. Clerk

The Committee on Ministry and Council met in Sykesville at 1:35 p.m. on 9th mo 9th and agreed to meet again at 2:00 p.m. on 9th mo 16th.

The Ushers Committee, it was mentioned, has not been asking friends to sit on the Facing Seats lately.

The meeting concluded at 2:05 p.m.

W. H. H. J. Clerk

The Ministry and Council met, as agreed, at 2:10 p.m. on 9th mo 16th. After an hour of discussion, John and Carol Kellam were invited to meet with us in the Library at Prov.

Meeting House.

A period of questioning and attempting to see a way to ease the tension in the Kellam family was followed by a meeting for worship, and an agreement to meet again with the Kellams on 9th Dec. 23rd.

The decision as to whether a supper meeting would be made on the next Monthly meeting date in view of the possibility of two speakers being present was left in the hands of the Monthly Meeting and Ministry and Council Clerks.

Henry Foster and Jane Foster were appointed as a Committee to visit Madelon Kellam who, through Philip Stoughton, Chairman of Overseers at New York Monthly Meeting, has requested transfer of membership to Pres. Mch. Mtg.

For Home, p. Clerk

The Committee on Ministry and Council met in Providence Meeting House at 1:20 p.m. on 9th Dec 23rd to further consider the Kellam problems.

After a thirty minute discussion, John and Carol Kellam joined us for a period of worship. John Kellam then retired and Carol Kellam was questioned and counseled. Carol Kellam retired and John Kellam was questioned and counseled after which they both were present for further counselling.

The Committee concluded with another worship period at 5:35 p.m.

Ambrose Mayers and Ruth Bingens were attendees, at this meeting, by request

W. H. Hone, Jr. Clerk

The Committee on Ministry and Council
assembled for a short meeting at 9.50 p.m.
on 10th mo. 4th.

Representatives appointed to attend
Quarterly Meeting were Hazel Meyers and
Harold Myers.

It was agreed that a Quarterly Meeting
Ministry and Council discussion on "Family
Relations" would be a good thing.

Sarah Gallagher may draw on the
Helena Jenkins Fund up to \$25.00 toward
meeting the expense of a trip to Woodman
Hill for a group wishing to attend the
workers conference there.

Florence J. Clark

The Committee on Ministry and Council
met at Pres. Dwy Home at 1.35 p.m.
11th Mo 4th 1956.

Harold Myers, in conversation with Mrs.
Raymond Bagley found an interest in
the Society of Friends. Harold Myers
and Dorothy Gifford ~~were~~ were appointed
to have further conversations with
her.

Henry and June Foster have called on
Mr. Hon. H. Hume and found him to be
a birthright Quaker from the ~~Philadelphia~~
Jenkintown or Hottens with not too
much interest in attending meetings.
The Clerk was asked to write New York
Mo, Dwy. that we are not prepared to
accept his transfer application until
he demonstrates some interest.

Russell and Caroline Price placed
before us their problems. The time

being short, it was agreed to reconvene at 7:00 p.m.

A payment of \$22.00 from the Hebron Jones fund to reimburse Sally Gallagher, Gertrude Hammond, and Mary Myers for money spent at Washburn Hill workers conference was agreed upon.

Reports from John and Carol Kellam seem to indicate improved relationship in that household.

Counselling with Russell and Caroline Price occupied the time until 9:40 p.m. when the meeting concluded with a period of worship, after purposing to meet again on 11th and 17th at 2:00 p.m.

Fl Home /s/ Clerk

The Ministry and Council Committee
met in Providence Meeting House at
2:05 p.m. on 11th mo. 17th.

Harold Briggs reported that he and
Horothy Gifford intend to meet with
Mrs. Bugbee at 8:00 p.m. on the 20th
of 11th mo.

Russell and Caroline ^{Pine} met with the
Committee for counselling from 2:30 p.m.
to about 4:30 p.m.

Fl. Howe Clerk

The Committee on Ministry and Council
met in Providence Meeting House
on 12th mo 6th at 7:05 p.m.

Harold Briggs reported that Mrs
Bugbee will probably make up her
mind to join the Society of Friends.
She has been advised to come to
meetings for a while before making

application

It was felt that there was less tension now in the Price and Kellam households.

Calib Smith was asked to contact Albert and Iren Scott by letter since nothing had been heard from them in some time.

The Committee noted with regret and sorrow, the death of Marion Benson. A memorial service will be held at the Meeting House in Providence on 12th mo 7th at noon.

The meeting concluded at 7:34 p.m.

F. L. Howe, Jr. Clerk

The Ministry and Council Committee
met in Providence at the Meeting House
at 2.00 P.M. on 1st Nov. 1867.

The time to appoint a Clerk for this
Committee at hand so Henry C. Foster
was appointed to act Service for
the ensuing year or until another
appointment.

Caleb Smiths report on his correspondence
with the Scott family was that he had
received a letter from Helen stating that
she hoped to visit Friends in the
near future.

The meeting concluded at the
time Monthly Meeting closed.
Henry Foster, Clerk

The Committee on Ministry and Council met
at the rise of Meeting for Worship on Third
month 3, 1957.

Six members were present.

William O'Connor and Harold Myers are
appointed a committee to visit Jerry
Foskins in his application for membership and
report to a future meeting.

It was decided to hold a special meeting
on First Day, Third Month, ~~Third~~^{impro}, for a
full to consider the spiritual condition
of the Meeting for a report to the
Quarterly Meeting to be held in Fourth Month.
Henry Foster, Clerk

Meeting of the Committee on Ministry and Council —

held 9 Mo. 10-1957. 9 members present.

The Clerk read a letter from Item Scott in answer to the one the Clerk wrote by direction of this Committee.

The Clerk told of work continuing by the Committee to review the memberships lists and entering into the membership book that has been adopted by the Yearly Meeting so all meetings records would be standardized.

The spiritual condition of the Meeting was discussed at length. After the collecting of material thought suitable to be contained in such a report Hazel Myers consented to assemble the thoughts in a presentable form at our next regular meeting.

Henry Foster. Clerk



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2-14-57
Box 1053
Vineyard Haven
Mass.

Dear Harry Foster -

Thank you very, very much
for your kind and helpful letter of 2-10-57.

I have a feeling that these
two nice people you write about - Albert and
I - can't really be so nice, otherwise we
would and could have overcome the ordinary
and extraordinary strains of daily existence.
Then again, I wonder whether we were the
victims of circumstances that we weren't strong
enough to master - here on the Island - far
away from the main ^{stream} ~~leaves~~ of our family
basis - Quakerism. If we had been closely
associated with a meeting and with other

families of similar attitudes and aspirations
- it would have been easier perhaps to adhere
to our original purposes and drives. Or, sensing
disintegration and danger, I'm sure we would
have found strength and help at hand, and
the willingness to understand and reconcile.

Please do not judge Albert
unkindly - this is an unnecessary plea.
He is very confused and has to work things
out as best he can. He has always been
an iconoclast - a man who struggles hard
with himself and with the demands which
his world and society make on him, and
it's always been an honest struggle.

Thank you again for your

concern and for your continued friendship
and offer of help to me, who feels quite un-
worthy of the name of Friend right now. If
one cannot order one's own life along the
principle of harmony and love, one has no
right to ~~presume~~ use that name or to
~~presume~~ to belong to a Society of Friends.
I have felt for some time that logically and
honestly I should withdraw from Friends
because of this internal schism. But I have
never been able to bring myself to do it, because
it would be yet another painful severance of a
long and meaningful fibre of my life.

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With greetings and love
to you, Jane and all our
Providence friends -
Ever yours, Ileen

enough to enter Sunday-School, I went down to the Friends Meeting House on North Main Street and found that, at that time, they had no Sunday-School for children.

I then decided to enroll them in the School at Central Congregational Church, and, after having done so, it seemed only right for me to send for my letter and become a member there.

However, all through the years while I attended that Church there

To the Meeting of Ministry and Counsel,
Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends
Dear Friends:

It was with mingled feelings of joy and gratitude that I read the very cordial and loving letter from the Clerk of your meeting, welcoming me into your Society.

The fact that I sought that membership so late in my life

does, I feel, call for some explanation to you.

My parents were Congregationalists and not until they sent me to the Friends School here in Providence for my High School education did I become acquainted with Quakers and with their religion. During the years when I lived at the School and worshipped with those Friends, I grew so very fond of them, and found their religion meeting my spiritual needs more adequately than the religion of my parents had done. I went home after my graduation, a convinced Quaker.

There was no Friends meeting near my home which I could attend, and, after several years had passed by, the minister of the Congregational Church with which my family were affiliated persuaded me to become a member there. Later on I married and came to Providence to live, and when my children were old

back-door neighbors, bringing me again into almost daily contact with friends. This fact coupled with the resignation of Dr. Bradford, whose long pastorate at Central Congregational Church had given me so much, strengthened the urge to ask for my letter that I might unite with your Society, which for so many years has held my heart and my sympathetic understanding.

I have only one regret - namely, that coming to you so late in my life, I do not have the physical strength, which a younger woman would have, to help you in doing the many good works which you do. However, I shall be so very glad to help in any way I can.

In bringing this letter to a close, I find the words of Ruth to Naomi coming to my mind, and I believe that in a very true sense I can say them to you. "Entreat

me not to leave thee, or to
return from following after thee:
for whither thou goest, I will go;
and where thou lodgest, I will
lodge: thy people shall be my
people, and thy God, my God."

Most Sincerely yours
Isabelle S. Bugbee

April 30, 1957

24 Elton St.

Paris 127

came to me, every now and then,
times of great homesickness for the
Friends Meetings, and I would steal
away for a few Sundays to worship
with your Society, then meeting
at the Lincoln School. Some of
you, I know, will remember seeing
me there. At such times the
feeling of "having come home"
always came over me.

Then, one day, Charles Hutton
and his family came to be my

Fourth Month 4th.

Meeting was called to order by Clerk. ¹²minutes past.
Letter received and concided the memberships of
Isabell Sturdy Sugher for membership.
Hazel Myers reported for the Committee about
visited her. The Committee recommends to the
Monthly Meeting that she be received into
memberships.

Lorah Gallagher & King Foster are to be
our representatives to the Lenten Meeting
to be held in Westbury on 4-20-1957.

William and Wilhelmina Foster are appointed a
Committee to represent the Committee in relation to
the Januaton meeting and report to a future
meeting.

King Foster Clerk

P.S. It was ~~last~~ decided to ask the Monthly
Meeting to discontinue ten names from our
memberships lists as no word has been received

from them in answer to the letters
sent for several years. These names are
Marjorie Joyce, Patty
Sarah Fitz Corbenter.
Harriet M. Fitz
Joyce McKeel
Abraham Holloway
Clarence Holloway
Barbara Holloway
Daisy May Holloway
Anna L. C. Briggs
Janet Patton Bowman.

Very Sincerely Clerk.

TWELVE ADELPHI AVENUE PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

May 1.

Dear Henry Foster;

If you will be
so kind as to present
my letter to the Meeting
of Thursday and Personal
I would appreciate it.

Definitely I have a
feeling to join Providence
Friends.

Sincerely

John G. Lifford

12 Adelphi Ave
Prov - 6 R.I.

12 Adelpski Ave
Prov. 6 29

Meeting of the Committee at Ministry
and Council. 5-5-1957.

Six members present.

Minutes of the last meeting were read.
Also the Clerk gave a short account of
a hastily called meeting of some of the
members held on 4-28-1957 at the
request of John Kellam. It was decided
to ask William O'Connell and his wife to
visit the Kellams if way opened.

A letter from Edna Liffard stating
that she wished to have her membership
transferred from the Smith's Neck Meeting
to Providence. Enclosed also was a letter
of removal from the Clerk of Smith's Neck
Monthly Meeting. This Committee concurs
with her wish and the Clerk is directed
to so state to the Monthly Meeting.
Jerome Haskings has had a request

for membership in our meeting for two or more months. The Committee reports that they were very favorable impressed by Jerry. Also a letter from his former Church, the First Presbyterian Church in Coldwell, New Jersey stating that Jerry was held in high regard there. This Committee recommends that ~~James~~ Harkins become a member of this Meeting and the Clerk will carry that message to the M. Meeting.

A letter explaining the Wolum Hill Conference on Family Counseling on 5 months ~~29~~ 29, 30, 31 and 6th Mo 1 was to be held and hoped that this Committee would send members who would be interested. Ambrose and Hazel Meyers are asked to go and a sum of \$20 be at their disposal to help defray expenses. Dr. Alexander Burgess also expressed hope that he

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CALDWELL, NEW JERSEY

GEORGE LEROY WILLETS
JOHN ROGERS WILCOX
Ministers

ELLA-JEAN STREETER
*Minister of
Christian Education*

April 1, 1957

Henry Foster, Clerk
Meeting on Ministry and Counsel
Providence Friends' Meeting
99 Morris Avenue
Providence, Rhode Island

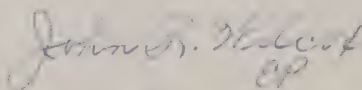
Dear Friend:

Upon his own request we are gladly
sending to you a letter of transfer of affiliation
for Jerone Haskins.

We have a high regard for Jerry and the
sincerity of his Christian quest. We have no doubt
that his fellowship with you will be very meaningful.

Our cordial greetings.

Very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John R. Wilcox", with a stylized flourish or initial at the end.

John R. Wilcox
Associate Minister

JRW:EP

might be able to go. It was also urged that
if anyone else wished to attend they
should be urged to go.

King Foster,
Clerk.

6-6-1957,

Five members present.

Hazel Meyers gave a short report of the recent Woolman Hill Conference on Family Counseling. A fuller report will be made when the printed minutes are available.

A request for membership to this meeting was received from Janet Meyers. Sarah Gallagher and Louise White are appointed a committee to interview her.

Jane Badger's request for membership was also read by the clerk. Hazel Meyers and Henry Fester are appointed a committee to ~~confer~~ confer with her.

The committee which has been working on the membership lists and mailing lists recommend the following names be dropped from our records for lack of interest in the meeting -

N. F. D. #2 Valley Falls
Cumberland, N. D.

May 20, 1957

Dear Henry Foster,

Since I have always
been in a Friends family
and have taken part in
Friends affairs I think I
should like to become a
member. For some time
I have been interested in
joining the Providence
Meeting. Would you consider
this at your next Meeting of
Ministry and Council.

Sincerely
Janet Meyers

June 2, 1957

Dear Friends of the Providence Meeting,

I hope that in some ways I have been a ~~valued~~ most of my life, but I know that in many more ways I have a great way to go. However, I feel ready at this time to ask permission to continue my spiritual growth as a formal member of the Religious Society of Friends.

I will be glad to respond as honestly as I can to whatever queries anyone may care to put to me.

Sincerely,

Anne Badger

Edgar H. Briggs - Leage Strait,
Edna Strait - Kenneth Strait
William Strait. -

This Committee united with their
suggestions and will forward these
names to the Monthly Meeting with
the Committee's recommendations.

Amey C. Foster
Clerk.

Ministry and Council Committee for 1967

For 1 year.

F. Warren Howe Jr
Louise Coal

Hazel Meyers
Harold Myers

For 2 Years.

Henry Foster
Louisa White

Thomas Perry Jr
Alex M. Burgess Jr

For 3 years

William O'Connor
Lorah Gallagher

J. Rudolf Metz
Wm. C. Foster

March April - Sawston Meeting.
should be taken up

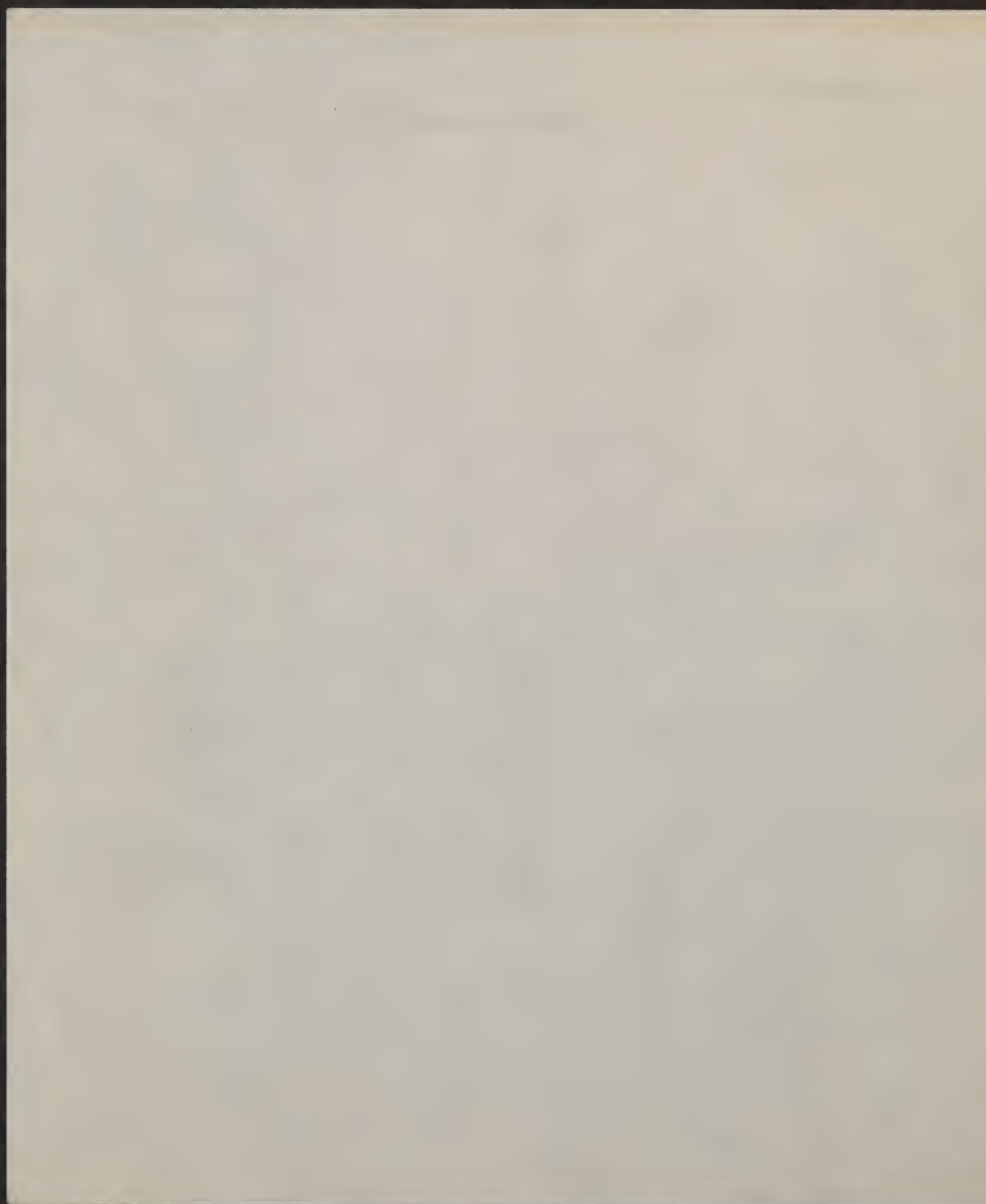
Miss Dorothy W. Gifford

43 Elmgrove Avenue, Providence 6, Rhode Island

Note?

Monthly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel -
Fifth Day Evening, Tenth Month, 1960.

The chief business to come before the Monthly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel was a letter from the Committee on Religious Education, proposing that the children attending First Day School join their parents for the first fifteen minutes of the Meeting for Worship. Discussion of the proposal brought out the fact that, as the children leave the Meeting, there will be a good deal of disturbance which will break the continuity of the worship. The plan seemed to the group to have far greater advantages, however, providing as it does an opportunity for children and parents to worship together. There was unanimous agreement that the Meeting on Ministry and



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Counsel should recommend to the Monthly Meeting that the plan be tried for at least a month, and that gratitude be expressed to the Monthly Meeting for the constructive thinking of the Religious Education Committee which has faced and endeavored to solve a problem common to most meetings - Children cannot learn the art of worship in an unprogrammed meeting except as they are given opportunity to share in such meetings.

The Clerk was directed to send to Lois Daily, who is at present in Reno, Nevada, a letter expressing the loving concern of the Meeting in Ministry and Counsel for her spiritual welfare and to assure her of its desire to help her in any way possible.

Concern was expressed by the Clerk

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Council should recommend to the Society
Meeting that the year be held first about
1950, and that perhaps be referred to
the monthly meeting of the Executive Council
of the Religious Education Conference in
the year with reference to action on
the recommendation to hold meeting - discuss
Council in the old year in an hour
program meeting necessary to the program
opportunity to plan in such meeting.
The Club was invited to give to the
Society was a of present in 1950. Before
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